

# Why Stand So Far Away, My God? 786

(Psalm 10)

1 Why stand so far a - way, my God? Why  
 2 Why do you hide when, full of lies, they  
 3 The weak are crushed and fall to earth; the  
 4 In a - ges past you heard the voice of  
 5 A - rise, O God, and lift your hand; bring

hide in times of need? The proud, un - bri - dled,  
 mur - der and be - tray? They wait to pounce up -  
 wick - ed strut and preen. Why in these cruel, cha -  
 those the proud op - press. Re - mem - ber those who  
 jus - tice to the poor. Come, help us stop the

chase the poor, and curse you in their greed.  
 on the weak as li - ons stalk their prey.  
 ot - ic times can - not your face be seen?  
 suf - fer now, who cry in deep dis - tress.  
 flow of blood! Let ter - ror reign no more!

This paraphrase of Psalm 10 is striking in its timeless questions and its keen sense of being abandoned by God. The injustice, oppression, and fear it describes resonate with the state of the world in our own day. Like the ancient psalmist, we pray for God to end the reign of terror.