

Psalm 85 -The Message Bible

(You are encouraged to read it daily with other readings)

*God, you smiled on your good earth!
You brought good times back to Jacob.
You lifted the cloud of guilt from your people,
You put sin out of their sight.
You took back you sin-provoked threats,
You cooled your hot, righteous anger.*

*Help us again, O God of our help;
Don't hold a grudge against us forever.
You aren't going to keep this up, are you?
Scowling and angry, year after year?
Why not help us make a fresh start – a resurrection life?
Then your people will laugh and sing.
Show us how much you love us, God!
Give us the salvation we need.*

*I can't wait to hear what God is going to say.
God is about to pronounce his people well,
The holy people God loves so much,
So they'll never again live like fools.
See how close his salvation is to those who fear him?
Our country is a home base for the glory of God.*

*Love and Truth meet in our street.
Right Living and Whole Living embrace and kiss!
Truth sprouts green from the ground,
Right Living pours down from the skies!
Oh, yes! God gives Goodness and Beauty;
Our land responds with Bounty and Blessing.
Right Living strides out before our God
And makes a clear path for his passage.*