

PILGRIMAGE PSALMS

Dear God, I long to be in your beautiful Temple.
My whole being sings for joy to you.
Sparrows looking for a home are safe in your house.
Swallows build their nests
and feed their young beside your altars.

Those who live in your temple are so happy
they can praise you all day long.
Pilgrims travel through deep valleys
and climb steep hills
to visit your special place.

One day spent in the Temple courtyards
is better than a thousand spent anywhere else!
It is good to put our trust in you.
Dear God, you keep us safe from harm.

(based on Psalm 84)

I was full of joy when they said to me,
Let's go up to God's house.
And now at last we are standing
inside the gates of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is a great city, the city of peace.
The people of Israel come here
to give thanks to God.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Pray for peace in your homes.
Pray for peace among yourselves.
Pray for peace in your land.

For love of my brothers and sisters
I will say 'Peace be with you'.
For love of the house of God
I will pray for your good.

(based on Psalm 122:1-9)



*Bar Mitzvah procession at the
Western Wall in Jerusalem*