

Thanksgiving Liturgy Based on Psalm 124

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Participant instructions: *Decide on one personal experience of deliverance that you would like to share from the past year. Then, select one of the “Celebrant” sections and customize it for sharing that experience. You can use (or modify) one of the metaphors taken from Psalm 124 (Celebrants 1-3) or compose a new one following the same pattern (Celebrant n).*

Leader: We are gathered here today to celebrate and thank the Lord for all the ways that he has provided for us in the past year. As we do so, let us join with King David in the joyous spirit of Psalm 124.

What if the LORD had not been for us?
Think about it!
What if the LORD had not been for us?

For our enemy came against us.
Didn't he?
His anger burned against us!

Celebrant 1:

Indeed!
When _____, [crisis]
it was like a lion had me in its teeth.
If God had not been for me,
it would have swallowed me alive.
But God _____ [divine intervention]
and _____! [result]

Celebrant 2:

Me, too!
When _____,
it was like a raging flood swept over my soul.
If God had not been for me,
it would have carried me away.
But God _____,
and _____!

Celebrant 3:

Amen!
When _____,
it was like I was bird caught in a deadly trap.
If God had not been for me,
it would have bled me dry,
but God _____,
and _____!

Celebrant n:

Yes!
When _____,
it was like _____.
If God had not been for me,
it would have _____,
but God _____,
and _____!

All:

Blessed be the LORD,
who has rescued us from the schemes of our enemy!
Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Maker of heaven and earth!