

## **Psalm 79: 1-9 p592 of the Church Bibles**

[1] O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple, they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble.

[2] They have left the dead bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of your own people for the animals of the wild.

[3] They have poured out blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there is no-one to bury the dead.

[4] We are objects of contempt to our neighbours, of scorn and derision to those around us.

[5] How long, Lord? Will you be angry for ever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire?

[6] Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge you, on the kingdoms that do not call on your name;

[7] for they have devoured Jacob and devastated his homeland.

[8] Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.

[9] Help us, God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**