

# A Modern Psalm

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We are blessed to have psalmists all around us – just listen to pop culture to hear them.

One day, I was facing a particularly challenging day. I was waiting for the bus to take me to work. A steady drizzling cold rain was falling. I was dwelling on and trying to articulate in my mind the right words I would say to my coworker later that morning. You see, we were going to have an uncomfortable conversation. I was dreading going to work. I would prefer to avoid the conversation all together (I do not like confrontation).



As I stood there that cold, wet day, an old country song popped into my mental jukebox. It was a gift. It was a song that was popular when I was in high school. The song, “Lord, I Hope this Day is Good,” was recorded by a country artist named Don Williams. The chorus of the song was playing on a loop in my head that challenging morning:

Lord, I hope this day is good  
I'm feelin' empty and misunderstood  
I should be thankful Lord, I know I should  
But Lord, I hope this day is good

Lord, have you forgotten me?  
I've been prayin' to you faithfully  
I'm not sayin' I'm a righteous man  
But Lord, I hope you understand

As the lyrics rolled through my head, I could hear the ancient prayer of David in Psalm 102:

Hear my prayer, Lord;  
let my cry for help come to you.

Do not hide your face from me  
when I am in distress.  
Turn your ear to me;  
when I call, answer me quickly.

**You will find b** Below are links to the original Don Williams version and also very good versions recorded by Lee Ann Womack and by Keb' Mo'.

Prayer: We ask you God that when we need help, let us be reminded that you are there with us. Guide our focus to the gift of a modern song or to remember a biblical psalm to provide us the inspiration we need to help us get through the moment. Amen.

Here is a link to Don William's performing the song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWR78buhHbI>

Here is a link to the Lee Ann Womack version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGIGhtYcvR4>

Here is a link to the Keb' Mo' version

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?view=detail&mid=5BF02FA693660D144F365BF02FA693660D144F36&shtp=OutlookCom&shid=d2e3ade5-6548-4761-9635-2082f5200df4&shtk=TG9yZCBJIEhvcGUgVGhpcyBEYXkgSXMgR29vZA%3D%3D&shdk=UHJvdmlkZWQgdG8gWW91VHVhZSBieSBUdW5lQ29yZSBMb3JkIEkgSG9wZSBUaGlzIERheSBJcyBHb29kIMK3IEtlYicgTW8nIEdlbnRsZSBHaWFudHM6IFRoZSBTb25ncyBvZiBEb24gV2lsbGlhbXMg4oSXIDlwMTcgU2xhdGUgQ3JlZWsgUmVjb3JkcyBSZWxlYXNlZCBvbjogMjAxNy0wNS0yNiBBdXRvLWdlbmVvYXRlZCBieSBZb3VUdWJlLg%3D%3D&shhk=MulDlaIPkx1WYBoCZw2W1zu10lSt0xhTtxw2tgSco%3D&form=VDSHOT&shth=OSH.p5YP6hWBLgGXJoLQbAQkFw>