

Psalm 17:1-7

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The Message

17 ¹⁻² Listen while I build my case, GOD,
the most honest prayer you'll ever hear.

Show the world I'm innocent—
in your heart you know I am.

³ Go ahead, examine me from inside out,
surprise me in the middle of the night—

You'll find I'm just what I say I am.
My words don't run loose.

⁴⁻⁵ I'm not trying to get my way
in the world's way.

I'm trying to get *your* way,
your Word's way.

I'm staying on your trail;
I'm putting one foot

In front of the other.
I'm not giving up.

⁶⁻⁷ I call to you, God, because I'm sure of an answer.
So—answer! bend your ear! listen sharp!

Paint grace-graffiti on the fences;
take in your frightened children who
Are running from the neighborhood bullies
straight to you.

¹⁵ And me? I plan on looking
you full in the face. When I get up,
I'll see your full stature
and live heaven on earth.