

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

# Psalm 127

TUNE: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee (PENITENTIA)

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1. On - ly in You, e - ter - nal All - in - all,  
2. Wor - ry and strug - gle, sleep - less - ness and strain-  
3. You are the Giv - er, You Your-self the prize.



C<sup>m</sup> C<sup>m</sup> B♭<sup>b</sup> E♭ F<sup>m7</sup> F<sup>m7</sup> E♭ E♭ F<sup>m11</sup> F<sup>m11</sup> F<sup>m</sup> C<sup>m</sup> B♭<sup>sus</sup> B♭<sup>sus</sup> G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>



On - ly in You our ef - forts stand or fall.  
Out - side of You our work is all in vain.  
You are the wealth that ful - ly sat - is - fies.



C<sup>m</sup> B♭<sup>b6</sup> B♭<sup>7</sup> E♭ E♭ E♭<sup>7sus</sup> E♭<sup>7</sup> A♭ C F<sup>m</sup> F<sup>m</sup> F<sup>m</sup> F<sup>m</sup>



All that we do, the sim - ple and the grand,  
All our am - bi - tions, all that we pur - sue,  
Full - ness of joy, our source and rich re - ward,



B♭<sup>7</sup> G<sup>m</sup> B♭<sup>b</sup> E♭ C<sup>m</sup> F<sup>m</sup> E♭ B♭ B♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> E♭ E♭<sup>b</sup> E♭



With - ers or blos - soms in Your sov - 'reign hand.  
Can't match the fruit - ful - ness of life in You.  
How all our be - ing longs for You, our Lord!



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TOPICS: Living in Christ; Serving in Christ's Name

LEAD-IN: *Unless the Lord builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it;  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
The watchman keeps awake in vain.  
It is vain for you to rise up early,  
To retire late,  
To eat the bread of painful labors;  
For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.  
Behold, children are a gift of the Lord,  
The fruit of the womb is a reward.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,  
So are the children of one's youth.  
How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;  
They will not be ashamed  
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.*  
(Psalm 127, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

### **Reflection on Psalm 127**

Almighty God, we come to You out of struggle.

We work and worry,  
we sweat and strain to provide a life  
for ourselves and  
for our families.

We use all our energies to build a wall that  
secures us from  
every threat and  
every need.

But Father, You are All-in-all.  
All power, all control,  
are in Your hands.

Outside of You,  
all our efforts are  
futile and  
ultimately pointless.

You call us,  
You invite us,  
You urge us  
to simply trust You.  
You provide work.  
You provide rest.  
You provide for  
all the rhythms of life.

In Yourself  
You joyfully bless us with  
Your peace,  
Your balance, and  
Your fruitfulness.

All the security we can ever have,  
all the security we will ever need is in  
You, the Giver of all that is good.

### **Hymn: Psalm 127**