

# The Book of Psalms

New Revised Standard Version

## Psalm 2

- 1 Why do the nations conspire,  
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us burst their bonds asunder,  
and cast their cords from us."
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord:  
He said to me, "You are my son;  
today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear,  
with trembling kiss his feet,  
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.