

O Lord, there is no god besides you, whose care is for all people,
no god to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
nor can any king or monarch confront you about those whom you have punished.

You are righteous and you rule all things righteously,
deeming it alien to your power
to condemn anyone who does not deserve to be punished.

For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.