169 Let my cry come before You, O Lord; Give me understanding according to Your word.
170 Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.
171 Let my lips utter praise, For You teach me Your statutes.
172 Let my tongue sing of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.
173 Let Your hand be ready to help me, For I have chosen Your precepts.
174 I long for Your salvation, O Lord, And Your law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live that it may praise You, And let Your ordinances help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

Believers live one day at a time as a lost sheep in daily need of God’s Word.

1. The Tav is a mark, sign, or signature. The Psalmist humbly recognizes himself as a lost sheep, but he’s a lost sheep who bears the mark of his shepherd, and nothing else matters.
2. Tav contains 10 of the 83 prayer imperatives for ψ119. Six of the eight verses begin with the English word “let.” These are clearly prayer-commands that acknowledge the sovereignty of God.
3. The praise of Shin is doubled in Tav (ψ11964,171,175). The Psalmist concludes his Torah Todah with a twin ρhillah.
5. The secondary focus for a mature prayer life is for that deeper doctrine to produce a daily deliverance (ψ119170 cf. Jer. 1:8,19; 15:20,21; 39:17; 42:11).
6. Additional prayer items include seeking God's permission for a communication ministry (ψ119171 cf. Psa. 51:15; Isa. 50:4-5; Eph. 6:19).
7. That communication ministry may be a music ministry (ψ119172 cf. 1st Chr. 15:22; 25:6-7; Ps. 33:1-3; 96:1-2; 105:1-2; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Jas. 5:13).
8. The Psalmist is ready for his new ministry and he knows that the Lord is ready to keep on helping him (ψ119173 cf. 1st Sam. 17:47; 1st Chr. 4:9-10; 2nd Chr. 32:7-8; Isa. 41:10).
9. Obedience to the Lord and fulfilling His plan for your life supplies all the delight that we could ask for in time (ψ119174).
11. “Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.” The volitional battle for obedience is a constant struggle with repeated confession and restoration (ψ119176 cf. Ps. 51:7-12; Rom. 7:14-25).