

A targum of Psalm 1

¹ Healthy is the community
which does not worship to tunes of pop psychology
or dance to the beat toxic positivity
or pray with the prophets selling miracles on screen
² but whose language is steeped in the Psalms of the LORD,
who rehearse it routinely and regularly.

³ They are like a tree planted by Psalmic Streams,
rain, hail or shine, they hold hopeful ground,
their words do not fail to pierce the heart...
Whatever is happening; they can pray through it.

⁴ The exact opposite is the case for the super-spiritual
They pray thin prayers
quickly swallowed up by life's rugged terrain.

⁵ Their hollow positivity won't stand a moment of pain,
and their dark negativity can't celebrate anything good

⁶ The LORD leans in to hear lament and praise from the trusting,
but the prayers that deny reality do nobody any good.