



MORNING PRAYER

PRAYING TO FIND THE LORD'S PRESENCEPsalm 25:1

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O My God, in you I trust.

Take a moment to quiet your mind and heart, taking deep breaths and maybe repeating the above Scripture a few times.

PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS Psalm 84

The invitation here is to make this Psalm your own prayer. Don't just repeat the words, but align your voice, your mind and your heart with them. If it's appropriate, you might pause at one line and take the words you're praying and use them as a spring board into your own words before joining back up with the rest of the Psalm.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

PRAYING FOR CONFESSION.....*From Canyon Road: A Book of Prayers*

Even when we begin our day we are in need of God's grace and mercy. And God is faithful to forgive us our sin as we come to him in confession.

Eternal God, you are truth.

I have been deceived; misguided by lies, and disoriented by darkness.

In my error, correct me.

In my repentance, forgive me.

In my ignorance, illuminate me.

Jesus, your name is above every other name: I worship you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read these small passages slowly and perhaps repeatedly. We're reading to hear God speaking to us through His Word - not for information, but for communion.

Wednesday: Philippians 1:1-11

Thursday: Philippians 1:12-26

Friday: Philippians 1:27-30

Saturday: Philippians 2:1-11

Sunday: Revelation 1:9-18

PRAYERS FOR THE DAY

Take this time to pray for the upcoming day, using your own words to speak to God as a child speaks to a loving Father. You might pray for:

- the tasks God has given you today
- the people God has placed in your life
- our town, city, country and world

Then close your time with this prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.