

Monday, April 17, 2023

INVITATION:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. (Ps 130:5)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 80:1-3, 17-19

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.

Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved...

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
Then we will not turn away from you;
Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

PRAYER:

Into Your hands I commit my spirit;
I give it to You with all the love of my heart.

How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.

When I awake, I am still with You.

Christ without sin, Christ of wounds,
I am placing my soul and my body
under Thy guarding,
Christ of the poor, Christ of tears.
Thy cross be my shielding,
O Thou Son of tears, of the wounds, of the piercing.³

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*For God to grow in us such a deep love for Himself that we would see Him as beautiful,
and more than enough

*For wisdom and guidance for the staff at the Pregnancy Help Center as they have
difficult conversations with clients

*For international relief and for justice agencies

*What else do you want to talk to God about?
How is God inviting you to respond?*

BLESSING:

God's wisdom be the store from where
our daily thoughts are gathered.
God's love be a flowing river
bringing peace to heart and soul.
God's whisper be a word in time
breaking through this world's clamour.
God's faithfulness be our strength
and hope within the storms we face. Amen.⁵