

Sunday, April 23, 2023

INVITATION:

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.
(Ps 68:19-20)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 38:1-3, 21-22

LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.

Your arrows have pierced me,
and your hand has come down on me.

Because of your wrath there is no health in my body;
there is no soundness in my bones because of my sin...

LORD, do not forsake me;
do not be far from me, my God.
Come quickly to help me,
my Lord and my Savior.

PRAYER:

I call on You, O God,
for You will answer me;
give ear to me and hear my prayer.

Show the wonder of Your great love,
You who save by Your right hand
those who take refuge in You from their foes.

Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Lighten my darkness, Lord.
Let the light of Your presence
dispel the shadows of night.

Christ with me sleeping,
Christ with me waking,
Christ with me watching,
each day and each night.

Save us, Lord, while we are awake,
guard us while we are asleep;
that, awake, we may watch with Christ,
and, asleep, may rest in His peace.

God with me protecting,
the Lord with me directing,
the Spirit with me strengthening
for ever and for evermore. Amen.³

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for God to give us the words and courage to share with those around us the hope we have in Jesus

*for college and university students as they start their summer break

*for Mexico and its struggle with drug wars, violence and insecurities

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

Let the majesty of the Father be the light by which you walk,
the compassion of the Son be the love by which you walk,
the presence of the Spirit be the power by which you walk. Amen.⁵