

Friday, April 28, 2023

INVITATION:

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
(Ps 34:18)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters...

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.

They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Savior.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

PRAYER:

My Christ! my Christ!
my shield, my encircler,
each day, each night,
each light, each dark.

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Be near me, uphold me,
my treasure, my triumph.

Circle me, Lord,
keep protection near
and danger afar.

Circle me, Lord,
keep light near
and darkness afar.

Circle me, Lord,
keep peace within;
keep evil out.³

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

- *for God to open our eyes to see our need for God
- *for children in our community growing up with food insecurity
- *for the equality of women in every sphere around the world

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

BLESSING:

May the beauty of God
be reflected in your eyes,
the love of God
be reflected in your hands,
the wisdom of God
be reflected in your words,
and the knowledge of God
flow from your heart,
that all might see,
and seeing, believe. Amen.⁵