

Monday, May 1, 2023

INVITATION:

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Ps 145:17-18)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 30:4-5

Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

PRAYER:

Lord, You have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept
me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked
the road for the coming day;

and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken
when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now,
today I believe.³

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for God to help our loved ones know and love God

*for the staff at the Refuge as they deal with emotional stress that comes from helping those with many needs

*for the economic crisis facing Argentina

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

May God's Spirit surround you, and those whom you love.

Rest now, in that calm embrace, let your hearts be warmed
and all storms be stilled by the whisper of his voice. Amen.⁵