

Thursday, May 11, 2023

INVITATION:

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.... Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Heb. 4:14,16)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 107:1-9

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.

Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.
Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

PRAYER:

Some sailed the sea and were stranded in its storms.
They sought you and you saved them.

Some subsisted in sin, conceited and contemptible.
Eventually they sought you and you saved them.

Like those in your Book,
at times I am lost, imprisoned, stranded or contemptible.

Like those in your Book,
may you save me when I seek you.¹⁰

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for our Zion/Hebron youth group and Amanda who leads the group

*for the volunteers of the Zion/Hope Food Bank

*for persecuted Christians in Somalia

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

God's peace be known
deep within your soul
when anxiety and fear
assail you, when daily
life becomes a burden
that is difficult to carry.
God's peace be known
and felt, as those arms
reach out to hold you.
God's peace be known
and heard, in words
of comfort and release.
God's peace be known. Amen.⁵