

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

**INVITATION:**

The Lord their God will save his people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown. How attractive and beautiful they will be! (Zech. 9:16-17a)

*Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.*

**BIBLE SONG:** Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?  
The one whose walk is blameless,  
who does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from their heart;  
whose tongue utters no slander,  
who does no wrong to a neighbor,  
and casts no slur on others;  
who despises a vile person  
but honors those who fear the Lord;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
and does not change their mind;  
who lends money to the poor without interest;  
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
will never be shaken.

**PRAYER:**

Have I ever made promises to Jesus I didn't keep, or found my faith folding under pressure?

Jesus, I am sorry for my fear and my faithlessness. I am humbled by my weakness, and I lean into Your mercy and loving kindness.

Lord, I pray for Christian children in what can sometimes be hostile school environments. Would You help them not to be afraid to identify themselves with You and, when confronted, would You give them resilience and a holy boldness. I pray by name for the children I know.

God, I confess to You my latest failure, whatever it may have been. I place the pieces of myself and my life into Your hands and I ask that You would put me back together in a way that pleases You and makes me useful to others.<sup>7</sup>

*Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.*

**INTERCESSION:**

\*for Hebron to grow into a tight-knit family that resembles the body of Christ

\*for all levels of Christian schools

\*for those facing poverty and displacement in Democratic Republic of Congo

*What else do you want to talk to God about?*

*How is God inviting you to respond?*

**BLESSING:**

God of rising sun, embrace us

God of mist and rain, refresh us

God of flowing stream, revive us

God of gentle breeze, speak to us

God of day and night-time, hear us

God of tears and laughter, bless us

God of love and power, uphold us

Your children and our family. Amen.<sup>5</sup>