

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

INVITATION:

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. (Ps. 111:10)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 36:5-7

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER:

Deliver me, O Jesus,
from the desire to be esteemed,
from the desire to be loved,
from the desire to be honored,
from the desire to be praised,
from the desire to be preferred to others,
from the desire to be consulted,
from the desire to be approved,
and from the desire to be popular.

Deliver me, O Jesus,
from the fear of being humiliated,
from the fear of being despised,
from the fear of being rebuked,
from the fear of being slandered,
from the fear of being forgotten,
from the fear of being wronged,
from the fear of being treated unfairly,
and from the fear of being suspected.

And, dear Jesus, grant me the grace
to desire that others might be more loved than I,
that others might be more esteemed than I,

that in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I decrease,
that others may be chosen and I may be set aside,
that others may be preferred to me in everything,
that others may become holier than I, provided that I, too, become as holy as I can.¹

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for our missionaries in Guatemala as they bring the gospel to the community there.

Pray for transformation for the community

*for those in abusive relationships would be able to break free and find the support they need

*for churches in South America

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

The works of the Lord sustain us.

God has blessed us with life.

The precepts of the Lord guide us.

God has blessed us with wisdom.

The love of the Lord redeems us.

God has blessed us with salvation.

Go about your day with God's blessings. Amen.¹¹