

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

INVITATION:

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. (Ps. 103:6)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 37:1-7

Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

PRAYER:

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.¹

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for the Prayer Walk at Hebron today, that our community will be blessed in unexpected ways
*that the staff at Gate 3:16 will be able to find time to care for themselves as they care for others
*for those who advocate for justice and peace

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

BLESSING:

Trust in God, and do what is good;
live with quiet confidence where God has placed you.
Delight in God's presence,
and you will have all that your heart desires.
Commit everything you do to God—trust Him completely—
and He will never let you down.
Be patient.
Don't worry or get upset when things don't go well.
Instead, learn to rest in God's presence.
For those who trust in God will have everything they need. Amen.¹²