

Friday, May 26, 2023

INVITATION:

Your name, LORD, endures forever, your renown, LORD, through all generations. (Ps. 135:13)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG:

Listen to my prayer, O God,
do not ignore my plea;
hear me and answer me...

My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen on me.
Fear and trembling have beset me;
horror has overwhelmed me.
I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest.
I would flee far away
and stay in the desert;
I would hurry to my place of shelter,
far from the tempest and storm." ...

Cast your cares on the LORD
and he will sustain you;
he will never let
the righteous be shaken.

PRAYER:

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life; you both steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.

You are like the sunlight enticing us taller
and like the breeze rustling our leaves.

You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat,
and in the nights when winter's frost ice the landscape
your love warms and sustains us.

You are everything to us.

O let our gratitude be great,

let our praise be plentiful,

let our worship be wonder-full!

Through Christ Jesus your ever-living Son.⁸

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for God to enable us to see each person as precious and made in God's image

*for Redemption Church and the other churches that meet in our neighbourhood

*for those affected by extreme poverty in Somalia

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

God's wisdom be the store from where
our daily thoughts are gathered.

God's love be a flowing river
bringing peace to heart and soul.

God's whisper be a word in time
breaking through this world's clamour.

God's faithfulness be our strength
and hope within the storms we face. Amen.⁵