

Saturday, May 27, 2023

INVITATION:

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

(Ps. 57:9-10).

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 63:1-5

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

PRAYER:

O God,
you promise to hide me in your shelter in the day of trouble,
and to conceal me in the corner of your tent.
When I am overwhelmed
by my own needs and the needs of the world,
I know that I can come and hide with you.
When changing the world seems too much
and the needs of others weigh upon me,
I know that you will give me space to think and rest.
When life just feels too much and the anxiety in me is great,
you offer me solace and a space to be.

And when you make me ready,
I will follow you.
When you gather my courage,
I will go where you lead me.
With your love inspiring me,
I will speak and act in your name.⁹

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for us to become passionate disciples of Christ
*for Little Blessings Nursery School that uses Hebron
*for those in New Zealand who are cleaning up after the floods and Cyclone Gabrielle

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

BLESSING:

As you go into the rest of your day
to the service of God's people near and far,
be refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers to you.
Listen for the parched voices of the least of these;
search out the dry places and the arid souls,
and become for them a spring of living water.
May the blessings of the God of life,
the Christ of love,
and the Spirit of grace
be upon you this day and forevermore. Amen.¹³