

Sunday, May 7, 2023

INVITATION:

Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. (Ps 115:1)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 25:1-7

In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.

I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, when I face the power of pride, have mercy on me.

When I am tempted to turn your good gifts into my own achievements, teach me to pray, "My help comes from the Lord."

When I imagine my discernment is superior to your clear commandments, grant me faith to trust your word, which cannot fail.

When the opinions of my sisters and brothers seem simpleminded, help me to recall how you spoke to Balaam through his donkey, and if you should choose to speak through me, help me remember the same.

Deliver me from pride, that I might submit my twisted will to yours and grow up into the fullness of the divine image that you stamped on bodies from clay.¹

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for those attending the fourth Lunch and Learn about Hebron today

*for those who care for young children in our neighborhoods

*for those facing ethnic violence in South Sudan

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

Let the majesty of the Father
be the light by which you walk,
the compassion of the Son
be the love by which you walk,
the presence of the Spirit
be the power by which you walk. Amen.⁵