

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

INVITATION:

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy... The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. (Ps. 126:2-3)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG:

The Lord is a God who avenges.
O God who avenges, shine forth.
Rise up, Judge of the earth;
pay back to the proud what they deserve.
How long, Lord, will the wicked,
how long will the wicked be jubilant?

Take notice, you senseless ones among the people;
you fools, when will you become wise?
Does he who fashioned the ear not hear?
Does he who formed the eye not see?
Does he who disciplines nations not punish?
Does he who teaches mankind lack knowledge?
The Lord knows all human plans;
he knows that they are futile...

Who will rise up for me against the wicked?
Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?
Unless the Lord had given me help,
I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death.
When I said, "My foot is slipping,"
your unfailing love, Lord, supported me.
When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy.

PRAYER:

It can be difficult for me to see beyond my immediate, material circumstances. I have an idea of what I expect You, God, to do, yet I acknowledge that You are often doing something deeper and richer in me than I can comprehend.

I take a moment now to pray for eyes of faith to see more clearly what You are doing in my life.

I pray for a family member or friend who struggles to believe God is at work today. I pray for God to gift them with faith and the eyes to see Him at work in their own lives and in the world around them.

Heavenly Father, I yield once again to Your work in my life, acknowledging the mystery of Your word and asking for eyes of faith to see what You are doing. Jesus, who stood with such resolute calm in the presence of so much anger, violence and injustice, please fill me with Your peace once again.⁷

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for God to humble us and continue to refine us to make us all more like Jesus

*for unity among the staff at the Pregnancy Health Center

*for the churches of Africa

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

God's arms enfold and protect you.

God's word inform and inspire you.

God's love infuse and transform you.

God's Spirit flow and empower you now and always. Amen.⁵