

# At Home Devotional - 15th March 2020

## Preparation

Find a personal space where you won't be interrupted or gather your family or friends together for community participation. (you could even use Zoom or Skype with a friend). Make a cup of coffee or tea and grab a Bible!

If you are alone, then prayerfully read this devotion ALOUD and hear the words and affirmations! If you are with someone else then nominate a "leader" and divide up the readings so you can minister aloud to each other.

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## A moment of silent prayer and reflection

### Opening sentences (Ps 27:4) *Read Aloud:*

One thing I have asked of the Lord,  
this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek Him in His temple.

*Call:* Who is it that you seek?

*Response:* I/We seek the Lord our God.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all your heart?

*Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all your soul?

*Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all your mind?

*Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.

*Call:* Do you seek Him with all your strength?

*Response:* Amen. Christ, have mercy.

## **Declaration of faith**

To whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life,  
and we have believed and have come to know  
that You are the Holy One of God.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory.

## **A Song for Worship**

Check out this beautiful version of "Behold Our God" on Youtube by clicking the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dO8v7v-Nbw>

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

### **Matthew 6: 9-15**

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,<sup>[a]</sup>  
but deliver us from the evil one.<sup>[b]'</sup>

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

## Psalm 91:

- <sup>1</sup> Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- <sup>2</sup> I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."
- <sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you  
from the fowler's snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.
- <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- <sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
<sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- <sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.
- <sup>8</sup> You will only observe with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup> If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your dwelling,  
<sup>10</sup> no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.
- <sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways;  
<sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
- <sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the cobra;  
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
- <sup>14</sup> "Because he<sup>[b]</sup> loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
- <sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honor him.
- <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."

## **Today's Meditation**

Be found in the shelter of God's strong faithfulness.

Pray with soft heart and open mind.

The fears of the night and uncertainties of the day can be brought to the Most High God in prayer and song.

Know He is watching over you, keeping you, protecting you and never giving up on you.

## **Prayers for others**

*Take time now in spoken and silent prayer for others' needs.*

- + For those who are isolating and feeling vulnerable and disconnected
- + For those who are ill with the virus and other health issues
- + For those in authority in our land as they guide the country through this crisis
- + For those who are anxious
- + For protection for all people
- + For those serving on the front line in our public services
- + For a renewal of faith in our land

## **Canticle - Read Aloud**

Christ, as a light

illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield

overshadow me.

Christ under me;

Christ over me;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;

in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me,

lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light;

Christ as a shield;

Christ beside me

on my left and my right.

## **Blessing**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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