



Resources & Reflections for the week of July 19th

AN EVENING PRAYER

God of mercy, my thanks for your gift of
strength in times of weakness,
forgiveness for my failures,
and new beginnings in Jesus Christ.

Especially do I thank you,
for the guidance of your spirit through this day,
signs of new life and hope,
people who have helped me,
those who struggle for fairness and justice,
expressions of love – unexpected or undeserved.

Almighty God, you know my needs before I speak,
yet you welcome my concerns for others;
especially I pray for:
those who keep watch over the sick and dying,
those who weep with the grieving,
those who are without faith,
and cannot accept your love,
those who are aging, lonely and distressed.

God of Grace and Guidance,
let my prayer rise before you as incense,
and the lifting of my hands as an evening sacrifice.
Even when the going is tough (and especially then),
keep me faithful in your work,
and joyful in your service. In Christ, Amen.

“TOUCHED by AN ANGEL”

We, unaccustomed to courage
exiles from delight
live coiled in shells of loneliness
until love leaves its high holy temple
and comes into our sight
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives
and in its train come ecstasies
old memories of pleasure
ancient histories of pain.
Yet if we are bold,
love strikes away the chains of fear
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity
In the flush of love's light
we dare be brave
And suddenly we see
that love costs all we are
and will ever be.
Yet it is only love
which sets us free.

Maya Angelou

A MORNING PRAYER

This is another day, O Lord.
I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready.
If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely.
If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly.
If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently.
And if am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly.
Make these words more than words,
and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

A WEEK OF SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday - 7th Sunday after Pentecost July 19th

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
An Epistle Reading: Romans 8:12-25
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Monday - July 20

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 135
The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:1-20

Tuesday - July 21

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 123
The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:21-34

Wednesday - July 22

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 15
The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Thursday - July 23

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 36
The Gospel Reading: Mark 5:1-20

Friday - July 24

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 130
The Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Saturday - July 25

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 56
The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13

Sunday - 8th Sunday after Pentecost July 26th

Psalm for the Day: Psalm 128
An Epistle Reading: Romans 8:26-39
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



*If the mail is slow,
We provide you with
a start on the new week.*

STRONGER Stronger Together

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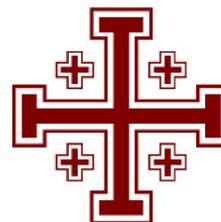
I have always found great joy and challenge in reading the Book of Acts. It is an opportunity to imagine what can happen when we come together in unity and allow our faith to hold a central place in our lives.

Today, we are moving through this moment in wonder about our present condition. We are full of questions about what the future holds for our homes, families, church, community and even the world in which we move and operate.

The disciples that followed Jesus must have experienced like questions; they must have wondered what their future held. We see them in moments filled with fear, but we also see them operating by the power of faith.

Change, emergencies, crisis and simple unexpected events have a way of creating moments and seasons that are very unsettling in our lives. But with a different and enhanced vision, we also see these unsettling times hold moments – incubational moments – that can transition into change.

We grew up being told, "The task ahead of us is not as great as the power behind us." As we look at the task before us, we can be victorious because that power is backing us up and working through us!



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