

MEDITATION

"Worry is an intrusion into God's providence." - John Haggai

PRaise SONGS

"Every Day With Jesus"

"As The Deer Panteth For The Water"

OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, we come to You this evening declaring that You are our Lord and Savior. Thank You, dear God, for being who You are---the Almighty God who loves us and welcomes our love in return. Thank You for everything that makes You magnificent. We stand in awe of You as we praise You with word and songs. In Jesus name. AMEN.

OPENING HYM

"O Worship The King"

TEH#23

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father God, we know all things come from You, even our very breath, which we inhale without even thinking about. We may be tempted, living with today's conveniences and technology, to forget our beginnings and that God is the one who gives us life. But we pause now to remember that You are our Creator and to have this attitude of thankfulness into our daily routines. So with humble and grateful hearts, we acknowledge the gift of life. We also thank You, Lord, for Your goodness and faithfulness. This we pray in Jesus name. AMEN

DOXOLOGY

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

2 Chronicles 20:9

"if any disaster comes... a war an epidemic or a famine... (we) will cry out to You in our distress, and You will hear us."

To Ponder...

Becoming ill, losing a job, having no money to buy food are examples of what some call "being in the valley" where dread overshadows everything else. God walks with us through the lowest points in our lives. He can make it possible to discover blessings in the valley.

"Are you anxious about somethings today? Are you gripped with fear about a situation? Then take a moment right now and begin to worship instead of worry. Remember, praise always precedes victory." (Osteen, Hope For Today Bible)

Micah 7:7

"But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior, my God will hear me.

To Ponder...

What does it take to maintain hope in tragic and uncertain times such as this Covid 19 pandemic?

Prophet Micah says:

... Watch in hope

... Wait for God

... Pray for God's mercy
and grace

... Remember God's love, care
... Cling to God in faith & trust

"Decide to be like Micah. Even though you might fight in a battle, realize that it is God who strengthens you, enabling you to get back up. Even though you might feel like you are sitting in darkness, let your heart be filled with hope; the Lord will always be your light and show you the way to go."(Osteen, Hope For Today Bible)

PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE

---Prayer for our family and loved ones

---Prayer for the frontliners: medical practioners, press people,
military, government officials, personnel and all others serving
basic needs.

HYMN

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer,
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND PROTECTION

---Prayer for our communities and nation

---Prayer for the whole world

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 13:5-8

...For God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you."
The Lord is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

To Ponder...

The road of life often travels through uncharted territory. We journey through seasons when the path ahead isn't clearly visible. God's plan may not always be clear to us, but He has promised to be with us "always, to the very end of the age." (Matt 28:20) never leaving or forsaking us. What greater assurance could we hope for, no matter what uncertainty or challenge we are facing nowadays. Even when the path is dim, the Light of Jesus is with us.

"Lord, I know I can't see You physically, but I'm looking for all that You will do for me. And I'm looking forward to all that You have in store for me." (Osteen, Hope For Today Bible)

CLOSING HYMN "Under His Wings" TEH# 313

Under His wings I am safely abiding; Tho' the night deepens and tempests are wild,
Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me; He has redeemed me, and I am His child.

Refrain :

Under His wings, under His wings, Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide. Safely abide forever.

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow! How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I comfort, and there I am blest. **(Refrain)**

Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment! There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me; Resting in Jesus I'm safe evermore. **(Refrain)**

CLOSING PRAYER

As we end this worship, we praise and thank You even more O God. You have showered us with Your presence and comforted us with Your assuring Word. Thank You for Your love, mercy, care and provision. We can go on with this life knowing that You are by our side forever holding us. By Your grace we will be victorious over this Covid 19 calamity. This we pray with trust and faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN

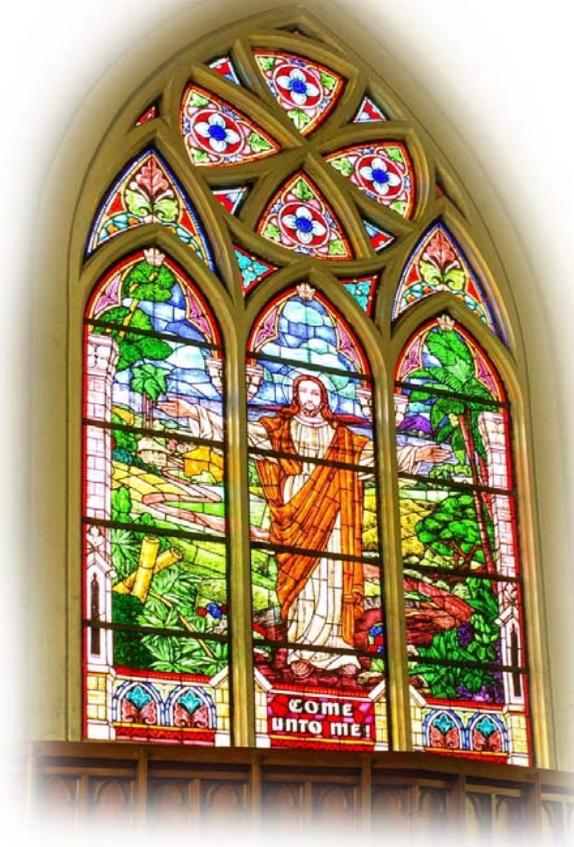
BENEDICTION

*"May the Lord bless you and take care of you;
May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.*

THREE FOLD AMEN



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