

Inspired Word

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PRAYER

Glory to you, God! Oh, that we might never stop offering this praise Lord, that we may always bend the knee to worship you! Glory to You! Glory to You! Glory, Jesus!

PRAYER

We ask you to touch our hearts and minds. Lord, we wait for a word from You in Scripture, in words of wisdom and knowledge, in exhortation, in tongues, interpretation and healing. Lord, our ears are open, our hearts are open here for You tonight. Anoint Your people and help them persevere in love. Just follow that inspiration.

SCRIPTURE

This is from Rev 4:6-8:

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

“Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.”

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

In my reading this week, the thing I came across most often was: “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne” [Ps. 89:14]. We thank You for Your righteousness. We thank You for Your justice. We praise You and exalt You and magnify Your whole name. John the Baptizer says, “Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world!”

SCRIPTURE / SENSE

From the Song of Songs:

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
11 for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
12 The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
13 The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.” [Song of Sol 2:10-14]

It spoke to me because of the metanoia series we saw today, where the woman who came and cried. She washed His feet and dried them with her hair. It was the most intimate expression of love she had available to her. Jesus said, “Arise, my beautiful one, and come.”

EXHORTATION

To confirm what's been said in the scripture reading tonight, and bringing it back to the relationship of the metanoia we saw tonight between sin and mercy, I thought about the bridge between sin and mercy. That's the Word of God. People here just shared about how God loves us and about the acceptance of the Father. He loves us so much.

In Jer 31:34, God makes a pact with us, knowing that we were sinful to begin with.¹ Yet God the Father loves us and forgives us. That's the bridge we need to realize the acceptance of the Father for each and every one of us. “Forgive one another as I have forgiven you, and love one another”—and love yourself, love your neighbor as yourself—that's the idea of our acceptance of love and mercy of the Father.

The other thing is the acceptance of people. How do you approach somebody to evangelize? Ask them how their walk with God is. Their answer will tell you their level of Christian maturity. This reminds me of some of the experiences I had manning the table in college, trying to share the love and acceptance of the Father. The first people that would show up would be the atheists, trying to convince you to go their route. The next set of people that would show up would be agnostics: “Why do you even believe this

¹ 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

type of thing?" To go out and evangelize, you're going to have your faith tested a lot. Be steadfast, pray for the Holy Spirit. When we're approached, make the Sign of the Cross, say the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be. If you know the psalms, recite some of the psalms; or read the Word of God. These are all gifts that God has given us to know that we have the power of the Holy Spirit, to have that steadfastness, and to know that we're accepted in love by Father.

SENSE / PRAYER

I'd like to just offer a prayer for my Aunt Sharon. Right now she's at the ER with breathing challenges. Because of Covid in San Diego, the hospital's full. There's ten people in front of her to get a bed, so she's in ER holding nightmare right now. The oxygen that they've given her has helped bring her numbers up from 80 to a reasonable number, but she has a viral cold thing and it's just really affecting her with the immune-compromised system.

As we sang this song, it just struck me that now is the right time to pray for her, because it's Your breath, Lord, in our lungs so we can pour out praise. Lord, we just ask that You would fill Sherry's lungs. Lord, we just ask that You, the Divine Healer, would come. Be with her in that ER room, and with the staff and the nurses who are trying to care for her and all their patients. Be with all those with Covid, as well who are struggling to breathe. Lord, be the breath in their lungs as we pour out praise to You, Lord, always.

We thank You for Your beautiful daughter. We thank You for Your love for her. We thank You for those caring for her. Lord, just fill her lungs with Your breath. Take over her breath and fill it with Yours. We ask this in Your holy name, Jesus, Divine Healer. Amen.

PROPHECY

I see a fire. I proclaim a fire, a fire of love, a fire of purification, a fire of evangelization. I see a fire, a fire burning brightly, a fire spreading, a fire of purification, a fire of love, a fire of evangelization. Let that fire burn in your hearts. Praise God! Amen, amen.