



A Fervent Prayer

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Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. (Psalm 5:3a)



Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we focus our hearts and minds on God, the Father, God the Son Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit, let us pray for our individual needs as well as corporately for the many troubles of the world today.

Let us pray, grateful that we have been granted, each of us, the grace and mercy to be able to lift up our Lord and Savior -- as we lift up those, like ourselves, in need of prayer.

Dear Lord, we come to You reflecting both humility and strength, humble in acknowledging Your awesome capacity to love us, guide us, and protect us despite our human frailties in the areas of thought, words and deeds.

Today, when we are constantly confronted with the news of the trials and tribulations of our nation, such as the devastating flooding in Texas and the surrounding areas, the troubles with ruthless dictators and heartless assassins and those would-be rulers who are so self-centered that they do harm every day in one manner or another, we pray for Your mercy, guidance and protection. Guide us, Heavenly Father, and help us to understand and take individual action, acceptable in Your sight, regarding the Black Lives Matter movement, as You guided and protected us through the precursor of this movement, the Civil Rights Movement.

Thank You, Lord, for permitting us to live to see the awesome National Museum of African-American History and Culture, which so vividly depicts the oppression, struggles and achievements of our people throughout the history of this nation.

Help us to pray fervently that You bless and uplift each and every one who is sick, shut-in, anxious, bereaved, or in need of financial blessing. And, as we live every day in this troubled world, let us not let the troubles of the world dampen our faith and the knowledge that You are always here to take our hand, Precious Lord.

We pray this prayer in Jesus' Name.

Amen.