

Monday, 10 February 2014

Psalm 79:11-13

Let the groans of the prisoners come before you; according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die! Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors the taunts with which they have taunted you, O Lord! But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Return us, O Lord, to the fire of our first love. Restore us to the joy of our salvation. Fill us once again with the love for Your Word and the consuming desire to obey You in every aspect of our lives. May we once again acknowledge Your Supremacy in all things.

Tuesday, 11 February 2014

1 Corinthians 1:4-7

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ...so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift,

We, the Church, are not lacking in any spiritual gift even as the saints of Corinth were not lacking in Paul's day. But like them, we find that we are infected with sin.

Reading this on the 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade is a heart wrenching exercise. Where are the prayer vigils for the 56,000,000 precious lives snuffed out by the Sin of Moloch, by the God of Choice? For those women whose lives have been shattered by the guilt and trauma? Where the outreaches to those facing this decision? For the parents of teens involved in a pregnancy? Are we imitating the German Church standing quietly by as the Nazis imposed ethnic cleansing on 6,000,000 Jews plus 5,000,000 other undesirables?

Lord, bring revival to Your Church, bring obedience to Your Word, bring that Spirit of Love of Neighbor that builds the exercise of those gifts You have infused within us.

“Restore us, O God;

Wednesday, 12 February 2014

Psalm 80:1-3

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Testimony. Of Asaph, a Psalm. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Lord, send Your Spirit to waken Your Church. We are like a sleeping giant, tossing and turning in restless slumber, ineffective in the world around us. Rouse us, Lord, to work at those tasks You ordained for us since before the beginning of time.

Thursday, 13 February 2014

Psalm 80:4-7

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

How long will You be angry with our prayers? Proverbs 28:9 provides the answer. “If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.” How long will Your Church tolerate sin in its presence? How much longer will the Church to raise its voice in indignation regarding the moral decay of the secular society that is our nation today?

Friday, 14 February 2014

Psalm 80:8-13

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty

cedars with its branches. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Lord, the story of Your Church is a story of Your revivals. From the very beginning in Palestine to the present day, Your Spirit has been unleashed to convict of sin and bring the lost into Your fold. Each is a story of Your Grace and needs to be brought to the attention of today's Church to instruct us.

*Saturday, 15 February 2014
Psalm 80:14-19*

Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself. They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name! Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Now, right now, not tomorrow but now—today, we need Your Spirit to bring us to a state of repentance and seeking a walk of obedience to Your Word. We need to be brought to our knees in tears, weeping for our sinful hearts and pride and greed and murderous natures and ... Heal Your Church, O, Lord.

*Lord's Day, 16 February 2014
Psalm 119:73*

Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

Yes, I am Your creation, Your handiwork. I need to grow in understanding to see more fully the beauty of my place in Your Kingdom.

VOICES TOGETHER

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