

Monday, 7 July 2014

Psalm 102:1-2

A Prayer of one afflicted, when he is faint and pours out his complaint before the LORD. Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you! Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

Lord, do You not answer or do I not hear? I am afraid it is the latter. I'm either not listening or I don't like the answer I'm hearing. O stubborn me, heal my self-will that I would be perfectly submitted to Your will.

Tuesday, 8 July 2014

Psalm 102:3-7

For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread. Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh. I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places; I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

For two friends who don't know You, he is suffering from a cancer of as yet undetermined origin, she as principal caregiver. My prayer is that You will use this very difficult time to bring them to know You as Lord and Savior, as Master and Brother. That You will bring both spiritual and physical healing.

Wednesday, 9 July 2014

Psalm 102:8-11

All the day my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse. For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink, because of your indignation and anger; for you have taken me up and thrown me down. My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

A prayer request came in a few minutes ago for a family in NY who lost two sons and their home in a fire with an infant

daughter in an ICU in Boston. It is unimaginable to me that there could be any comfort in this situation but the parents are in Your Hands. Sit beside them, Lord, send Your messengers to console them in their grief.

Thursday, 10 July 2014

Psalm 102:12-17

But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; you are remembered throughout all generations. You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer.

Lord, build Your Church for we are those messengers called to minister to the destitute family in NY, to the couple battling cancer together, and called to speak truth with love into injustice. Lord, imbue Your Church with boldness to speak of the great need for Your salvation, for the hope and joy that is Your Gift to all who receive.

Friday, 11 July 2014

Psalm 102:18-22

Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Lord, should You tarry, continue to build Your Church. I especially pray for the Church in these United States, that we will declare Your Name boldly, that we will stand against the continuing slaughter of millions of innocent infants in the name of the god of Choice, that we will minister to the homeless, the hungry, those in prisons and hospitals; that in all things we will be the messengers of Agape to a broken

and hurting world.

Saturday, 12 July 2014

Psalm 102:23-28

He has broken my strength in midcourse; he has shortened my days. "O my God," I say, "take me not away in the midst of my days-- you whose years endure throughout all generations!" Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end. The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.

The eruption of vitriol and vituperation that has exploded in the last 24 hours since the Hobby Lobby decision by the Supreme Court is but a foretaste of what may be coming. My prayer for Your Church is that we not respond in kind, but quietly, presenting the hope that lies within us with gentleness and respect. May we be able to present our attackers with arguments based upon proven observation of the evil and destructiveness of Choice. Guide Your people, Lord.

Lord's Day, 13 July 2014

Psalm 119:66

Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

Where else can I learn? The wisdom of man has proved false and misleading, other philosophies have proven to not reflect reality, only the wisdom that comes from You and is a gift of Your Holy Spirit is true, consistent and coherent. Praise You, Lord, the Truth Bearer.

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