

Morning Prayer 15

Epiphany (God with us)

Lord, today I chose to trust in your presence. Lord, as your word promises, may nothing separate me from you today, (Romans 8:38-39). Lord, teach me how to hear your call of Epiphany, and choose each step carefully today which will lead me closer to You, (Matthew 11:28-30). Help me walk by your Word and not my feelings,
(2 Corinthians 5:7-10).

Lord help me to keep my heart pure and undivided, (Psalm 86:11). Protect me from my own careless thoughts, words, and actions, (1 Corinthians 1:21). And keep me from being distracted by my wants, my desires, my thoughts on how things should be, (2 Timothy 1:6-7). Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity to be closer to you, rather than a personal inconvenience, (Luke 9:23).

Lord help me to rest in the truth of your love for me, revealed at this time of Epiphany, (1 John 4:16a). Lord you know the ways I will fall short and mess up. But today I consciously tuck your whisper of absolute love for me into the deepest part of my heart, (1 Corinthians 13:4-8) and I offer in my humble way, my love for you, (Matthew 20:28). Lord, I give thanks that today, that you the Savior of the world would desire a few minutes with me this morning, (Colossians 3:1-4). Lord, help me to forever remember what a gift it is to sit with You like this, (Ephesians 2:6).

Lord, may I be filled with Your spirit today, that wherever I go, I will spread love, joy, peace, goodness, and faithfulness, (Romans 15:13). Lord today the desire of my heart is to become more like you, and to worship you in all I do. Help me desire these things so much more than the sin that entices us, (Romans 12:2). Lord, I don't know what will cross my path today. But I do know that you are my Rock and my Fortress. You are my Shield and my Strong Tower, (Psalm 18:2). Help me to anchor myself to you today, (Hebrews 6:19).

Lord help me to embrace anything that comes my way, (Romans 10:10-20) as an opportunity to see you at work and know in my heart, (Philippians 2:13) and awaken me again tomorrow with the same sweet whisper of your love, (Lamentations 3:23). Bless my heart to be held back by nothing as I seek you today and each day to come, (Jeremiah 29:13). In the name of Emmanuel, God with us, (Isaiah 41:10) Amen.