

A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND FOR DELIVERANCE

Scripture: Psalm 25:1-10

Monday, December 3, 2018

These verses, reflecting a fervent prayer to God by King David, address his worries about shame and his fear of enemies who wish him harm. Who among us has not faced these same things, albeit in differing circumstances . . . and who among us can honestly say his/her life has been free from periods of regret?

I think of the current political landscape which is fraught with divisiveness and animosity. If ever we have needed guidance and deliverance it's now! And I can't help but think of our United Methodist denomination which is facing a very crucial issue concerning human sexuality . . . an issue which has caused us to become rigid as we "dig our heels in" without considering another's point of view. The perfect answer to these perplexing problems will never come to us as flawed humans; rather they will rest in the hands of the Lord as David so accurately reminds us in verse 9. "He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way."

King David had his flaws just as each of us are flawed, but God's grace paved the way for him in ancient times just as God's grace paves the way for us today. God's perfect answer will prevail. I pray that it might be so!

Prayer: Gracious and loving God, as we look forward with anticipation to the magnificent birth of Jesus Christ, may we be of humble spirit and trust that You, and You alone have the answers to so many of life's questions, answers that seem to elude us. Guide us, we pray, as we seek unity with each other through loving relationships, particularly during this season of advent when our thoughts turn toward the ultimate love as displayed by Jesus. Amen

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