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LENT—DAY 26



INVITATION

“The Lord is . . . patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Pet. 3:9)

Quiet

BIBLE SONG: PSALM 27:1, 9-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation—
 whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
 of whom shall I be afraid? . . .

Do not hide your face from me,
 do not turn your servant away in anger;
 you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,
 God my Savior.

Though my father and mother forsake me,
 the LORD will receive me.

Teach me your way, LORD;
 lead me in a straight path
 because of my oppressors.

Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
 for false witnesses rise up against me,
 spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this:
 I will see the goodness of the LORD
 in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;
 be strong and take heart
 and wait for the LORD.

BIBLE READING: ROMANS 6:8-14

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

Quiet

DWELLING

Leisurely read again . . . is there a word or idea that stirred within you? Linger over it and give it your attention . . . is there something about the reading you'd like to ask God about? Pray your life to God . . . take a moment to rest in God's presence.

FREE PRAYER

- ❖ for spiritual renewal in this season of Lent
- ❖ for deep heart repentance and a genuine humility born of the gospel
- ❖ for new relationships with non-Christians

PRAYER

Surprising God, who would have thought that dying was good? My instinct is to avoid it. But, in Jesus, I see that dying is the way to life. Equip me to do what is so difficult—to die to myself and become new. May I be genuinely sorry for my sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it. Amen. (HC 89)

BLESSING

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Num. 6:24-26)