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Wednesday Prayer

The twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Praising God in times of trial

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!
Psalm 146:7-10

A hymn of praise when our world seems to be falling down around us? Bombs in the mail to our country's leaders and people gunned down in their house of worship. Neighbor against neighbor, brother against sister. Children abused for the love of money. How can we offer praise in times like these?

We can because there have always been times like these. God has shown us the way through Jesus. We are the ones who must watch over strangers, help orphans and widows, and set the prisoners free. God has called us through the example of Christ. We are called to raise our sons and daughters to love each other, to live authentic lives, and stop those who would harm others. We are called to protect those who are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. And we are called to right the wrong. Wherever you are along that spectrum, you make a difference in how the world responds to corruption and depravity. Lead the way.

God is in it for the long haul, for all generations and we are his agents here on earth to carry out the work of caring for each other. Praise the Lord for giving us the tools of love and kindness, the moral strength to see it through, and the truth to guide us.

God, creator of the universe. Open our hearts and minds to find our way through the confusion and turmoil of our current world. We praise you for your steadfast love in times of trial, and strength in times of uncertainty. Let love lead the way. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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