

PSALMS AND PRAYERS FOR ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA

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Opening Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **O merciful Father, who has taught us in your holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children: Look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom our prayers are offered. Remember them, the people of St. Stephen's, Vestavia Hills, O Lord, in mercy, nourish their souls with patience, comfort them with a sense of thy goodness, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Psalms for Praying

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 **If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, ***
O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 **I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; ***
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 **O Israel, wait for the LORD, ***
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Psalm 42

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 **My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"
- 4 **I pour out my soul when I think on these things; *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,**
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 **Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?**
- 7 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 **My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.**
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 **The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
"Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
- 12 **While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;**
- 13 All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 **Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?**
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43

- 1 Give judgment for me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
- 2 **For you are the God of my strength;
why have you put me from you? ***
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling;
- 4 **That I may go to the altar of God,
to the God of my joy and gladness; ***
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 6 **Put your trust in God; ***
**for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ***
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 **The LORD of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 **God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; ***
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 **The LORD of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; ***
**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 **The LORD of hosts is with us; ***
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Silence

Reflection

The Rt. Rev. Brian L. Cole

Presider Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Presider Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Silence

All **Almighty God, by the radiance of your Son's appearing you have purified a world corrupted by sin: We humbly pray that you would continue to be our strong defense against the attacks of our enemies; and grant that whatsoever in St. Stephen's, Vestavia, has been stained or defiled through the craft of Satan or by human malice, may be purified and cleansed by your abiding grace; that this place, purged from all pollution, may be restored and sanctified, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**