

Four Prayers
from
IN THE MANNER
OF
THE LORD'S PRAYER



Judy Brutz

*In all their affliction He was afflicted,
and the Angel of His presence saved them;
in His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
and He bore them and carried them all the days of old.*
— Isaiah 63:9

Angel of Your Presence, come among us
as we wait here where we are.

Go in deeply where terror lies
and forgive our blockages
to uncovering the hidden,
as we forgive those
who live in their denial.

Do not cast us away,
but do carry us through.

For You bear us, and redeem us,
from everlasting to everlasting.

...and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave.

— 1 Kings 19:12-13

Still Small Voice

that comes as a gentle whisper,
may you be heard
in the midst of our noisiness.

As we quiet ourselves,
You will gently lead us into your ways.

Open to us your resting place
and forgive us the barriers
we have in hearing You
as we forgive those
who have barriers in hearing us.

Do not abandon us in our deafness,
but do remove all deception from us.

For You call us,
a breath of life.

We thank You for your love.

But to you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.

— Malachi 4:2

Sun of Righteousness,
may we wait for You.

As your wings spread over us,
we will be patient for understanding and healing.

Give us this day a resting place,
and forgive us when we act too quickly,
as we forgive those who do not wait for us.

Do not let us forsake the wisdom of counsel
You give us through our community of faith,
but do keep us from all deceit,

For You are the one to move,
and to transform our lives,
and we give You thanks.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

— Hebrews 12:28

God who IS above all else,

how precious is your name.

Your love persists even in our darkness.

May we follow You in humble respect

for each other's experience of your Truth.

Help us to dwell together in unity,

and forgive us our striving ways,

as we forgive those who strive against us.

Do not abandon us in our separated state,

but do remove us from all evil.

For yours is the place of all unity,

the power to transform our lives,

and the blessing of life evermore.

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