

A new year, a new president --very familiar voices and circumstances. President Trump was elected in 2016 and the chorus of voices declared that he was “illegitimate and must be removed.” The chorus of voices is very similar today with regard to him as Washington prepare for a change of power.

Fortunately, the power under which we serve has not changed. Our assignment is clear. Our Helper is present. Our Lord is on His throne. Our God is actively watching over His people and His purposes.

The shaking continues. Our prayers are pivotal. Perseverance is required. Together we are seeing an unprecedented move of God throughout the earth.

Reading: II Timothy, a short book—it is filled with emotion. Paul is in a Roman prison awaiting trial, anticipating condemnation. He is offering direction to a trusted friend and protégé. Much of his instruction is relevant for us today.

Morning Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Forgive us of our pride. We have imagined ourselves capable of securing our future. Our knowledge, our acts of obedience, our expressions of service, our possessions, our education, our relationships --- all of these are inadequate to save us. Only you can secure our future. Forgive us. We turn our faces to you and yield our hearts to you. Open our eyes to see as we have never seen before. Open our hearts to receive. Grant us a willing spirit to sustain us. Guide us in paths of righteousness. You are our security, our provision, our salvation and the One to whom we turn. May the name of Jesus be lifted up for all the earth to see, in His name we pray, amen.

Mid-day Proclamation

A Reminder Of Our Core

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hades; the third day He rose again
from the dead:

He ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God,
the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You and you alone are capable of restoring us. We cry out to you. We pray for those in authority over us. May their choices honor you so that we might live in peace and godliness. May those who oppose your purposes fail in their schemes, may they stumble into the pits they have prepared for others. Awaken your church to faithfulness, humility and service. Grant us a boldness which reflects your heart and strength. Once again let truth be lifted up and justice be made evident. Be merciful to us Almighty God, apart from you there is no salvation. Amen