



Wednesday Prayer

15th Sunday after Pentecost – Prayers and Praise

**Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.
The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!
Psalm 113**

Sometimes it's hard to think of praise in our prevention work. And then a Psalm like this can lift me up and help me to visualize the sun rising and the glory all around me. I can think about how we raise up young people, bringing them into a community of healthy and supportive adults. I think about my colleagues who work with young mothers, supporting their development into joyous and healthy motherhood for their children. And those who work with young men striving to find their way in these difficult times, listening and guiding them.

This week I received a text from the trafficking prevention text-chain that began in 2018 when the Super Bowl was in Minneapolis. This one asks for all of us to pray ~

STT Prayer Group:
Pls pray for female victim
from past March recovery.
She's free from trafficker
& may talk. Pray for
strength & resolve to
follow through.

This text came from law enforcement officers trained in trauma-informed practices to work with victim/survivors, sticking with them for the long journey toward recovery and healing. Join me in prayers and praise.

Blessed Lord, we praise you for your presence in this world. Help us to see your glory and act in ways that support those in need, serving humbly and with love. May we join in community with others in our prayers and praise, Amen.

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