

Subject: Daily Prayer Friday 26th June 2020
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Good morning

Let us still our minds and bodies and wait on God.....

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for you have called us out of darkness
into the glorious light of your presence;
you fill our emptiness with the richness of your love.
We rejoice in the power of the resurrection
and in your gift of eternal life.
Blessed are you, father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN

Psalm 137

Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem

By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there
we hung up our harps.
For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'

How could we sing the LORD's song
in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!
Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy.

Reflection

Today may be a good day to think about how faith and the Bible have influenced so many popular songs of the last few decades. This Psalm is of course the base for 'By the Rivers of Babylon' by Boney M. But think for a while about some of your favourite pop songs and the lyrics they bring songs of praise to the general public every time they are performed. Let's remember; Knock, knock, knocking on Heaven's door, Spirit in the Sky, Amazing Grace, the many songs of U2 to name but a few. God has many ways of

opening our eyes and ears to the world around us and you may like to meditate for a while about bible related music which has influenced you and maybe there is a line from one of those songs which touches your heart and brings you closer to God each time that you hear it. Use the time to maybe listen to it on Youtube, to be open for guidance and to pray upon it.

I would be interested to know the 'Bible related pop songs' which have influenced you in the past.

The Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

The Father guard us and each action,
the Son protect us in each thought.
The Spirit guide us in all our dealings,
and the blessing of the Giver of all good gifts
be upon us and all that we do, now and evermore
AMEN

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ
AMEN

Blessings

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