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Good morning all

Let's rest and be still.....breathe slowly and on each **in** breath think.'Be still' and on each **out** breath.'Know that I am God'.....

Holy and ever-loving God, we thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the opportunity to start anew.

We pray that you will fill our hearts with your goodness and our minds with your love.

In Jesus name we pray.

AMEN

Psalm 113

God the Helper of the Needy

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 for evermore.
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!

Matthew 18:15-20

Reproving Another Who Sins

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be

confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Reflection

We were talking in prayer hour tonight about feeling excluded from different situations. If someone hurts you it's easy to feel excluded, resentful and hurt. But what part are we playing in this? Are we addressing the situation and discussing it with the person who has caused us to feel this way? Or are we wallowing in our self pity and taking it all to heart?

We do need to take it to our Lord, to lay it at His feet and ask him to show us a way to resolve the situation. We need to pray and to trust His response and as this Gospel reading says 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.' Pray about it with fellow Christians and wait.....wait for the Lord to show you the solution. AMEN

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 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 and love
Vicky