



Daily Prayer

May 21

Reading:

Ruth 1:15-17

In the book of Ruth in the Hebrew Bible, Naomi leaves the land of Judah to escape a famine and goes to Moab, a land east of the Dead Sea. Naomi's husband and sons die, leaving her with two daughters-in-law, both native to Moab and not Hebrew women. When Naomi decides to return to Judah, she tells her daughters-in-law to remain in their native land. One does, but the other, Ruth, responds with this beautiful commitment: "Entreat me not to leave you...for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

Prayer:

Teach my heart the expansive bounds of love, O loving God. Help me to see that love calls out new commitments. Let me to discover a holy humanity that sees beyond conventions and cultural identities and religious traditions and even family ties and lives toward a shared identity as your beloved children.

Amen

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