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**OT Scripture Reading** (see back)

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## Time for Personal Prayer, Meditation and Requests

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# Evening Prayer

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**Evening Psalm** (see back)

**NT Scripture Reading** (see back)

**Quiet Time Prayer/Meditation** (end by praying the Our Father)

## Closing Meditation

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Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

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