



Reflections by the Lake
Devotions for an Unordinary Time

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Gratitude
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Before today (6-15) I had not felt that I was able to contribute to the daily devotions on the Lakeside website. I don't know why—perhaps because of the virus, perhaps because of the nationwide unrest, perhaps because I have a son and grandchildren, perhaps because I am alone—but today when I read Susan Skinner's contribution, she said everything I wanted to say and hear.

I am so grateful for the phone calls, socially correct visits, notes, wonderful food, especially my Lakeside Buddy. There's no way I can return the thoughtfulness.

Lakeside is my home, my friends there are my family and I miss them all so much. I enjoy "going to church in my pajamas" (per Dianne Bulluck), but I miss my church family, and I can't imagine going back without hugs and sharing our love for each other up close and personal.

God has been good to me. He directed me to Lakeside and I am so thankful for this. He has given me hope for the future and love for my community of friends. I do pray that our world will settle down soon and we can all be together at our Lakeside Home.