



Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

In our celebratory moments and in our darkest times, the Lord is with us. Psalm 141:1 reminds us that as His children, we may call to Him at any time.

*“Lord, I call to you, hasten to me.
Listen to my plea when I call.”*

We can count on our Lord to be with us, always and in all ways. Let us pray for those who need His help. Let us pray that our own faith may be strengthened at the core, so that we too may be of solace and strength to others. Let us use our blessings and gifts to brighten the lives of others. May we always remember that we are a family in the love of God; a family in need of compassion, the sharing of dignity, understanding and peace. Let us do what we can, from wherever we are, with whatever we have, to benefit the life of another in the name of our Lord. It feels good to give. If you feel the strains of life, give. It’s amazing what can happen to our heart when we stretch it to enhance the life of someone else. Make your life a tribute, a living prayer, to God the Father.

We can each choose to use our life in service; however, that makes sense for you, give from your heart with humility and grace. Give and let your heart feel the joy of the blessings that comes from generosity. Let us join in the power of faith, gratitude, and the grace of God. **Amen.**