

Trust in Turbulent Times

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CALL TO PRAYER

LEADER: Catholic health care faces turbulent times. Facilities confront staggering medical, social, political and financial challenges as they continue to carry on the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. It is important that we periodically take time to reflect upon God's eternal providence, which continues to support us and compel us forward. Let's pray together the words of the psalmist.

READING 1

ALL: Psalm 27:1-8 (*New American Bible*)

(Recite in alternate sides)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom do I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge;
of whom am I afraid?

When evildoers come at me to devour my
flesh, these my enemies and foes themselves
stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my
heart does not fear; though war be waged
against me, even then do I trust.

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to
dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my
life, to gaze on the Lord's beauty, to visit his
temple.

For God will hide me in his shelter in time
of trouble, will conceal me in the cover of
his tent; and set me high upon
a rock.

Even now my head is held high

above my enemies on every side!

I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of
joy; I will sing and chant praise to the Lord.

Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on
me and answer me.

"Come," says my heart, "seek God's face"; your
face, Lord, do I seek!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

LEADER: Let's take a moment of silence to
present to God the concerns and fears that
each of us faces as we, together, carry out this
healing ministry.

Pause for silent reflection

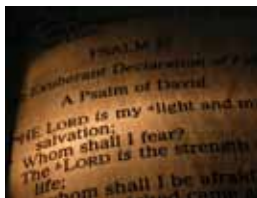
READING 2

With confidence in our loving God, we pray
the prayer of St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the
Church.

ALL: Prayer, *St. Teresa's Bookmark*

Let nothing trouble you,
Let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
He who possesses God lacks nothing.
God alone suffices.

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of the Divine Heart of Jesus*



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