

DIAKONIA Prayer November 2020

*The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2*

What a statement at a time when worry for individual health, freedom and justice, ensuring prosperity, protecting the climate and minorities is omnipresent.

We are affected by this concern in different ways - some directly and others only indirectly. Some experience the hardship personally and are committed to help, others do so through their prayer (intercession).

When I look at the misery in this world, it is not always easy for me to hold on to God's sovereignty. My faith is challenged and it always takes some effort, as the psalmist says:

Lord my rock, my castle, my deliverer; my God, my refuge that I trust,
my shield and horn of my salvation and my protection!

God,
help me to hold on to you even if I don't always understand you
God,
hear my prayer for the people who are alone with their fear concerning their health and their future in this time of the corona pandemic
God,
give the hungry their daily bread - due to Corona, more and more people in this wide world are affected
God,
I scream at you and ask for peace for the trouble spots in many parts of the world, shaken by unrest and war
God,
I ask for protection for children and women who are at risk of abuse and violence
God,
protect all from domestic violence, which has increased at an alarming rate
God,
many Christians and minorities are persecuted, tortured and killed - have mercy!

Here in Europe we are confronted with the situation of the refugees in Greece - especially on the island of Lesbos. After a fire in the "Moria" camp with 12,000 refugees, intolerable conditions are in the temporarily erected tent camp. There is a lack of sanitary facilities, the people usually only get one meal a day, during heavy rain many tents are flooded, the electricity fails. Winter is approaching!

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