

Prayer for Illumination

God, our refuge, shelter and shade – cement in us knowledge of Your saving power. Shepherd our thinking to what is wholesome and praiseworthy. Amen

Isaiah 25:1-9 *God has a plan!*

LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your Name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will honor You; cities of ruthless nations will revere You.

You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall and like the heat of the desert.

You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain the LORD will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; He will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove His people's disgrace from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation”. Amen

Philippians 4:1-9 *Think about this ...*

Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The LORD is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

And the God of peace will be with you.

Amen