

# pray

## My Lord and Guardian

**All:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Leader:** Gathered as a community of believers, let us listen to God, speaking to us in his Word today and always.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. . . .

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:14–16,26–28

**Leader:** The Spirit of God comes to our aid, guides us, and blesses us with many gifts. Let us pray together and think about the wonderful gifts from the Lord, who helps and protects us always.

**Group A:** I raise my eyes toward the mountains. From where will my help come?

**Group B:** My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

**Group A:** God will not allow your foot to slip; your guardian does not sleep.

**Group B:** Truly, the guardian of Israel never slumbers nor sleeps.

**Group A:** The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**Group B:** By day the sun cannot harm you, nor the moon by night.

**Group A:** The LORD will guard you from all evil, will always guard your life.

**Group B:** The LORD will guard your coming and going both now and forever.

adapted from Psalm 121

**Leader:** Confirmation is an opportunity to pause and recognize the gifts we have already received and the gifts we will receive from the Holy Spirit, to thank God for them, and to ask for help in using them to serve God and others. Let us join now in praying the Glory Be to the Father.

**All:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.