

O LORD, CHANGE MY HEART

I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep My laws and sincerely respect My observances. Ezekiel 36:25-27

As we begin prayer today, please dip fingers in bowl of water and trace a cross on your forehead, lips and heart.

Leader: Bend my heart to Your Will, O God.

All: *Bend my heart to Your Will, O God.*

Leader: By Your Word, give me life.

All: *Bend my actions to Your Word, O God.*

Leader: Bend my mind to Your Will O God.

All: *Bend my mind to Your Will, O God.*

Psalm 35

All: In Your light, God, we see light.

**1. Evil whispers to the sinner in the depths of his heart:
the fear of God does not stand before his eyes.**

**2. Evil's flattering light disguises his wickedness,
so that he does not hate it.**

**His words are false and deceitful,
he no longer considers how to do good.**

**1. Even when in bed he plots mischief;
he follows the wrong path; he does not hate malice.**

**2. Lord, your mercy fills the heavens,
Your faithfulness rises to the sky.
Your justice is like the mountains of God,
Your judgements are like the deeps of the sea.**

1. Lord, You protect both men and beasts.

How precious is Your kindness, O God!

**2. The sons and daughters of men and women
will take shelter under Your wings.**

**1. For with you is the spring of life-giving water.
In Your Light we shall see true Light.**

GOD'S WORD COME TO US TODAY: Jeremiah 24:7

I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart.

REFLECTION

PRAYER of ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring Your light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Master, let me not seek as much

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love,

for it is in giving that one receives,

it is in self-forgetting that one finds,

it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,

it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!