

# Daily Prayer

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Today's prayer is based on Psalm 59.16-17.

*I will sing of your strength;*

Your strength is immense, Lord,  
strong enough to sustain everything in existence,  
strong enough to sustain my life,  
strong enough to carry me through trials and troubles,  
strong enough that, in the middle of this difficult world,  
joy in you is not dead, but constantly and unexpectedly breaks out.

*I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.*

Your love to me is constant,  
constant through my successes and failures,  
constant through my obedience and my disobedience,  
constant through my inconstancy,  
constant enough for you to accomplish your purposes in me,  
however inconsistent I have been in returning your love.

*For you have been to me a fortress*

You have been my strong place,  
a place where the enemy of my soul cannot reach,  
a place where I have time to recover from my wounds,  
a place where I can lower my defenses,  
a place where your armament protects me  
when I have been inattentive and careless.

*and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

You have been my safe place,  
safe enough to lower my guard,  
safe enough to rest,  
safe enough to sleep deeply and serenely,  
safe enough for me to recover when I am overwhelmed,  
even when all around me gives way.

*O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,*

I praise and thank you for your strength.

*for you, O God, are my fortress,*

I praise and thank you for being my safe place.

*the God who shows me steadfast love.*

I praise and thank you for your constant love,

which you have lavished on me  
and on many as inconstant and unloving as myself,  
for your kingdom's sake. Amen.

No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always comes.

- Martin Luther