



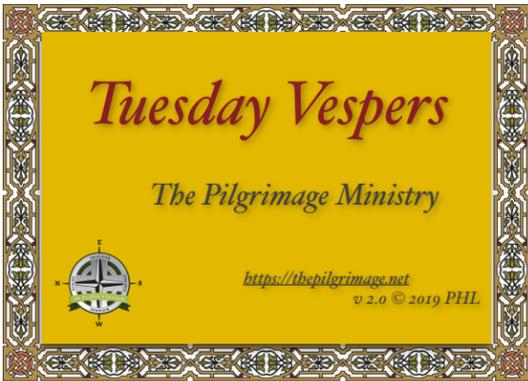
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O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;  
hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Let my prayer rise before you as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,  
and guard the door of my lips.  
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing.  
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers,\*  
nor eat of their sweet foods. **R**

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But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD;  
in you I take refuge; strip me not of my life.  
Guard me from the trap that they have laid for me \*  
and from the snares of evildoers.  
Let the wicked fall into their own nets,\*  
while I alone pass through. **R**

*Silent Reflection*

### Mary’s Song - PHL RESIGNATION CDM

My soul proclaims that God is great. My spirit with joy swells.  
My Savior has improved my fate, with favor his eye dwells.  
So from this day they’ll call me blessed, each generation tell,  
Great things, the Lord upon me pressed. My heart and soul are well.

God’s love and mercy rest on those who live in reverence,  
And each new generation knows God’s merciful presence.  
The strength of God is shown in this — the mighty fall from power.  
And from below our God does lift the lowly up, that hour.

God fills the hungry with good things. The rich are sent away.  
To Israel God’s aid does spring, and shows the faithful way.  
The promise made to Abraham, that promise rests secure.  
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Especially I praise you:  
† for the sparkle of sunlight on water,  
† for candle glow and fireplace flickering,  
† for the radiance of an inner light I see in the saints I meet,  
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I know of your word, spoken through the prophet, that I stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for my soul. I also know that sometimes I respond as did my ancestors saying, “I will not walk in it.” So I pause at this hour to reflect on my day in examination of conscience - expecting to find you in both my successes and failures as a disciple. Help me, Lord, to practice self-examination with clarity, honesty, and trust.

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As the shadows lengthen and the daylight fades, I seek your mercy in helping me to cast off the sin which clings to me that I might put on the wardrobe of your love and light. Clothe me in your compassion and keep me from all harm, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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With you at my right hand, Lord, I fear not though I fall.  
Here I am, your servant Lord, answering your call.

Take my dry and dusty heart, sprinkle it with grace.  
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Shape me by your presence God, a vessel tried and true.  
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