Prayer Service for Friday, March 20, 2020

Opening Song: Lead Me, Lord BB#726 verses 1 & 2

Reflection: Leaning on God – by Joyce Rupp

Some people lean against fence posts when their bodies ache from toil. Some people lean on oak trees, seeking cool shade on hot, humid days.

Some people lean on crutches when their limbs won’t work for them; and some people lean on each other when their hearts can’t stand alone.

How long it takes to lean upon you, God of shelter and of strength; how long it takes to recognize the truth of where my inner power has its source.

All my independence, with its arrogance, stands up and stretches within me, trying to convince my trembling soul that I can conquer troubles on my own.

But the day of truth always comes when I finally yield to you, God, knowing you are a steady stronghold, a refuge when times are tough.

Thank you for offering me strength, for eing the oak tree of comfort; thank you for being the sturdy support when the limbs of my life are weak.

Praise to you, Eternal, Lean-to for always being there for me. Continue to transform me with the power of your love.

Quiet Reflection
Closing Prayer:

God who dwells within each person,
God who is with us in good times
and in time of difficult decisions,
we turn to you again and proclaim
that nothing can come between us,
even in times when our future is unknown.

We can grow through changing times
because of this power of your love
at work in our lives and our ministry.
Your love made visible in Jesus.
We lean upon you…
and we offer you our thanks.
AMEN

Closing Song: Lead Me, Lord BB# 726 verse 3