

Devotion for December 11, 2017
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Scripture

Luke 1: 46-48

Devotion

Luke 1:46-48 is one of my favorite passages at this time of year. It speaks to the importance of being a mother who is completely connected and dedicated to the Heavenly Father. This passage reminds me of a time when I had traveled to Panama City while Gary was in Okinawa. I hadn't thought to notify my parents, especially my mom of my travels. My parents lived in Maryland and I am an only child. My mother was especially concerned for her grandchildren and me. She had tried for several days to contact me and of course without cell phones, 1972, I was unaware. Our 2 children at that time were with me of course, but Mother became distraught and thought the worst. She did however; attend a Roman Catholic wedding at that time. She later shared with me that as she looked at the statue of the Blessed Mother, she asked her to please, from one mother to another, let her know that we were safe. About an hour later, I phoned and apologized for being so thoughtless.

Mary was indeed the Mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and certainly had many of those heartfelt anxieties for His safety. One example was when Jesus remained at the temple and Mary did not know His location. Another was of course during His processional to the cross. I'm certain there were many others when he was a child that are not mentioned. Mary must have been on her knees every day knowing what Jesus, her first born son, would endure for our salvation. Praying through difficult situations as well as blessings is the way the Lord allows us to communicate with Him. We need to be prayer warriors in our daily lives.

Action

Mary prayed her most beautiful prayer at the time of her conception and prayed unceasingly throughout her life. Let us remember to pray in all circumstances. As Pastor David reminds us, "Nothing begins to happen until we begin to pray."

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us your Son. Thank you for choosing Mothers to nurture and care for children. Most of all, thank you for giving us the power to pray to you in all areas of our lives. We pray for your constant connection. May we always know You are watching, guiding, protecting and loving us. In Christ's Holy Name.