

A serene sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, warm light, and a single bird is captured in flight in the lower right quadrant of the image.

**The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life
—of whom shall I be afraid?...**

**Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.
—Psalm 27: 1, 14**



We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread.

They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms

-- to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.

Viktor Frankl

Opening Prayer: (George Croly)

Dear God,

Teach me to feel that you are always near.

Teach me to bear the struggles of my soul.

Teach me to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.

Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Amen

Responsive Prayer: Psalm 116

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

I was overcome by trouble and sorrow, and grief threatened to overwhelm me. Then I called on our God: "O LORD, save me!"

The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

When I was in great need, he saved me.

Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will call on the name of the LORD.







Matthew 14: 25-27

Early in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him, they were frightened, and said, "*It is a ghost!*" And they cried out in fear.

But right away Jesus spoke to them and said, "*Take courage, it is I! Do not be afraid.*"

No Need to Fear

















Community Prayer

Jesus did not speak to us about viruses. What He did say was that He gives us his peace.

This is the peace that passes all understanding, which Paul talked about in Philippians. Father, when fear threatens to overtake us, help us to keep our focus on Jesus Christ, and the promise that He will keep our hearts and minds safe when we do! *AMEN*