



# Daily Reflections

**June 4, 2018**

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## Scripture

### **1 Peter 1: 2-7**

Beloved:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance through knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power.

Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love.

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## Our Scripture Reflection

The Christian community to which Peter wrote his letter was surrounded by a very immoral pagan culture. Such a culture was seductive. Peter calls his people to resist all temptation and to remain firm in the faith that had been

handed down to them. By living their faith in a loving and virtuous manner they would not only survive but also thrive.

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## **Food for your Journey**

I'm an impatient, restless person. Slowing down and waiting seem like a waste of time. Yet waiting seems to be an inevitable part of the human condition. Henri Nouwen said, "Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting."

Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of Romans 8:24 resonates with Nouwen: "Waiting does not diminish us any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting" (The Message).

During times of waiting, God is vibrantly at work within us.

--Luci Shaw, "Nourishment for the journey," in Nouwen Then, Christopher de Vinck, ed.(Zondervan, 1999).

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Heavenly Father, I pray that You would protect me and my family from all the evils that are lurking nearby and from those that would seek to harm us. Uphold us and keep us safe from all the evils that encircle our lives. Put Your hedge of protection and safety around us we pray, and place a guard at our doors that protects us from all that pass by our gate. Keep our hearts from fears and fill us to overflowing with Your perfect peace that passes all understanding. You are indeed our refuge and strength. You are our ever present Help in time of trouble. Thank You, Lord, for Your mercy. Amen