

Daily Reflections

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GIVE GLORY AND PRAISE TO THE GOD WHO SAVES!

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A Continuation of Today's Responsorial Psalm

Sun and moon, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.

Stars of heaven, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.

Every shower and dew, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.

All you winds, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.

Fire and heat, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.

Cold and chill, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all forever.

Give glory and eternal praise to the Lord. Alleluia. Amen.

DANIEL 3:62-69,

Reflection

Today's Responsorial Psalm, a hymn of praise, comes from the book of Daniel. Recall the story of Daniel and his three friends: Captives of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, they publicly refuse to acknowledge his gods. Instead they declare their hope that their God will deliver them. They are thrown into a white-hot furnace which the king orders to be heated seven times more than usual. Their trust in their God saves them. They walk around the flames singing songs of praise and thanksgiving to the God who delivered them.

Similar to Psalm 148, their song is an invitation for all God's creatures to acknowledge their Creator's kindness and care. Their experience of life encourages and gives energy to their song.



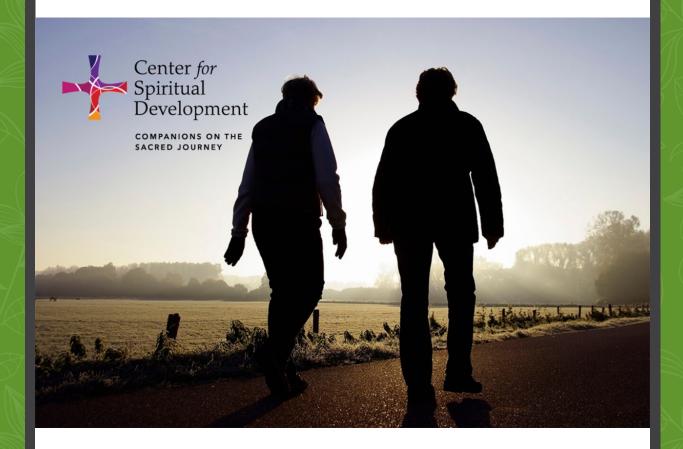
Birds flying over the sea during sunset

For Pondering

Use the litany of praise from Daniel as your initial prayer. Then replace the creatures with others that come to mind. Pray the litany again with your "additions." As your day unfolds, return to this praise of God . . . perhaps inviting other creatures to join in the song of thanksgiving.

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