



## Wednesday Prayer

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Never, Never Quit

***You've always been great toward me—what love!  
You snatched me from the brink of disaster!  
But you, O God, are both tender and kind, not easily angered,  
immense in love, and you never, never quit.***

***So look me in the eye and show kindness,  
give your servant the strength to go on, save your dear, dear child!  
Make a show of how much you love me  
so the bullies who hate me will stand there slack-jawed,  
As you, God, gently and powerfully, put me back on my feet.***

***Psalm 86:13,15-17 (from The Message)***

I sure have been feeling like quitting this week. As we hit the halfway point of summer, I admit I'm sick of staying home, bored with my cooking, frustrated by video calls and on-line worship services, distressed by the news and hearing how badly the US is doing and just tired of the extra effort it takes to go to the grocery store or anywhere! Most of all, I miss visiting my Mom in assisted living, my extended family out of state, singing in church and seeing friends in community together in person.

I have always found comfort in the Psalms, and they have been especially comforting to me during this time of upheaval and uncertainty. This Psalm from David reminds us that God's love is constant and unwavering, even though we are weak. It is especially in times like now, that God gives us the comfort of the promises in Scripture, that God is merciful and gracious.

God will **never** quit on us or on any of his dear children. How wonderful that is to remember when I start to give the negative thoughts space. God snatches me from these thoughts - and surrounds me with tenderness and mercy. I feel immense gratitude, not only for God putting me back on the right path, but for all the helpers out there in hospitals, senior facilities, Lutheran Social Service and Cherish All Children, who are out there every day expressing the love of Christ to our most vulnerable, especially during these challenging times.

**Lord, you help us and comfort us. You hear our prayers and You answer us. Lord, we ask that You be our strength, our shelter and our peace. Be with all those who are working every day to keep others safe and whole. Amen.**

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