

“GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED”



Words from John Wesley

Our Father: our Preserver; who day by day sustains the life he has given; of whose continuing love we now and every moment receive life and breath and all things. So much the more boldly let us come to him, and we shall obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

From 'A Meditation on the Lord's Prayer'

Words from Scripture

“But you, O LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.”

Psalms 3:3-5

Hymn: In the darkness of the still night, *Singing the Faith 109*

As we begin

To consider alone

- How has the Lord been sustaining me since this group last met?

To consider together

- Where have we noticed God's continuing love sustaining the work of the Church since this group last met?
- How has our church or community experienced God's preserving and sustaining love since this group last met?

As we continue

To consider alone

- Where are you noticing God's continuing, sustaining love at work in this meeting?
- What grace do you need to be a communicator of that love in this meeting?

To consider together

- If we really trusted in God's preserving, sustaining love, what difference would it make to the work of this group?

As we finish

To consider alone

- How can you be a communicator of God's continuing, sustaining love in the days ahead?
- Can you commit to “boldly” come to God, praying for the work of this group regularly until the next meeting?

To consider together

- Wesley writes, “boldly let us come to him.” In groups of two or three, pray boldly for a few moments for what has been agreed in this meeting.