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Psalm 136:1; "His mercy endures forever".

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SPIRITUAL FREEDOM



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son reminds us that no one is ever beyond God's love. The son chose to leave his father and go his

own way, believing he could find happiness apart from him. Instead, he found himself lost, broken, and longing for the peace he once had. Yet even after all his mistakes, his father never stopped loving him or waiting for his return. Many of us can relate this story. There are times in life when we make choices we regret, carry burdens from our past, or feel distant from God. We may wonder if we have gone too far or if we deserve another chance. The Good News is that God's mercy is greater than our failures. Like the father in the parable, He is always watching, waiting, and ready to welcome us home.

The father's embrace teaches us an important lesson: God does not define us by our worst moments. He sees our dignity as His beloved children. He calls us not to remain trapped by guilt or shame, but to walk forward in hope, trusting his grace makes all things new.

No matter where you are on your journey, remember that you are never beyond God's reach. His love is constant, His mercy is endless, and every day is an opportunity to begin again. Lift your eyes to Him and take comfort in knowing that your Heavenly Father walks beside you every step of the way.

~Fr. Samy, Risen Eagle Spiritual Director~

Luke 15:20 — "While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion."

WORDS OF HOPE

I am not defined by my circumstances.

I am defined by my actions.

I am committed to my personal growth and healing. I am worthy of respect, love and second chances.

~Redeemed~

Prayer Line

929-561-8301

Call and leave us a message with your brief prayer intentions. Prayers will be lifted at holy mass confidentially and our Eagle Ambassador prayer warriors will also intercede for your intentions.

RE-ENTRY ROADMAP:

We may face setbacks, regrets, or difficult circumstances, but they do not define who we are or who we can become. Every day is an opportunity to begin again. With faith and patience, change is possible. You are not alone. Support and guidance are available every step of the way. Call 929-561-8301.

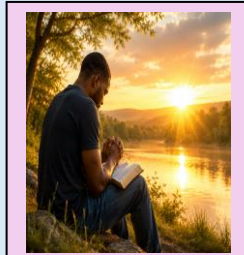
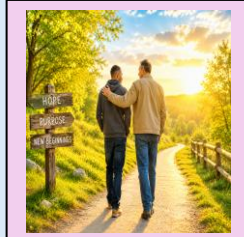
~Chemeka R, Risen Eagle Ambassador ~

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Caring for your spiritual well-being is an important part of your journey. Through prayer, Scripture, and reflection, we find the strength, peace, and hope needed to face life's challenges.

As we grow closer to God, our hearts are renewed, our faith is strengthened, and we gain the courage to move forward each day with purpose.

~Tricia D, Risen Eagle Ambassador~



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INSIDE VOICES

A Personal Testimony: A Man After God's Own Heart.



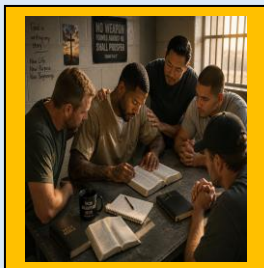
There was a time when I felt completely alone. Not because there were no people around me, but because I had built walls around my heart. I

carried years of regret, anger, and disappointment. I spent so much time looking back at my mistakes that I could not see any reason to hope for the future. As the years passed, I began to realize that holding on to bitterness was only keeping me trapped. I could not change my past, but I could decide what kind of person I wanted to become moving forward. Little by little, I started opening my heart to God's presence. I began speaking honestly to Him about my fears, my failures, and the burdens I had carried for so long.

Along the way, God placed some wonderful brothers in my path. Through their encouragement, friendship, and example, they helped me see that I did not have to walk this journey alone. In moments when I felt discouraged, they reminded me to keep going, to keep believing, and to trust that God was still working in my life. Their support became a blessing that helped strengthen my faith and renew my hope.

What surprised me most was not that God listened, but that He never stopped listening. Even during the times when I ignored Him, doubted Him, or questioned His plan, He remained faithful. His love was not based on my success or my failures. It was simply there, waiting for me to accept it.

Today, I still face challenges, but I no longer face them alone. I have learned that hope is stronger than regret, forgiveness is stronger than guilt, and faith is stronger than fear. God continues to work in my life each day, teaching me patience, humility, and trust.



No matter where you find yourself today, never believe the lie that your story is over. As long as God is writing the story, there is always hope for a new chapter. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

~A Beloved Son of God~

If you have a testimony to share on Inside Voices, we would love to hear from you. Write to your local Correctional Chaplain Services or mail it directly to our Ministry at [4711 Church Ave., Bklyn, NY 11203](mailto:4711ChurchAve.,Bklyn,NY11203)

Peach Cobbler Delight

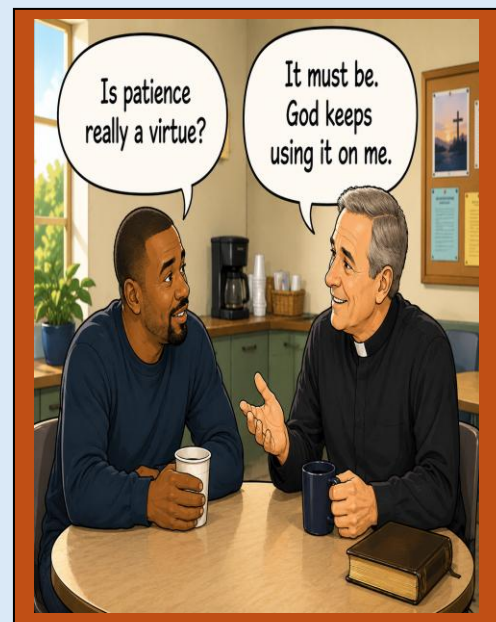
INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups sliced peaches (fresh or canned)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
- Pour the melted butter into a baking dish.
- In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar, milk, and vanilla extract until smooth.
- Pour the batter evenly over the melted butter. **Do not stir.**
- Spoon the peaches evenly over the batter and sprinkle with cinnamon.
- Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and the cobbler is set.
- Allow to cool slightly before serving. Enjoy warm on its own or with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Some of life's greatest comforts come from the simplest ingredients.



Saint of the Month – St. Joachim Feast Day: July 26



St. Joachim is honored as the father of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandfather of Jesus. Although little is known about his life,

Christian tradition remembers him as a faithful and devoted man who trusted God even during difficult times.

For many years, Joachim and his wife, St. Anne, prayed for a child. Despite disappointment and unanswered prayers, they remained faithful and continued to trust in God's plan. In His perfect timing, God blessed them with Mary, who would one day become the Mother of our Savior. St. Joachim's life reminds us that faith is often lived quietly through perseverance, patience, and trust. He teaches us that God's plan is sometimes greater than we can see and that our prayers are never forgotten. Even when the road is difficult, God remains at work.

As a father, Joachim helped create a home where faith could grow and flourish. His example reminds us of the important role fathers, grandfathers, mentors, and spiritual fathers play in guiding others toward God. Their love, encouragement, and example can leave a lasting impact for generations.

As we celebrate Father's Day this month, St. Joachim reminds us to give thanks for the fathers and father figures who have helped shape our lives. Most importantly, he points us to our Heavenly Father, whose love, guidance, and faithfulness never fail.

"The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!" – Proverbs 20:7

~Kim C, Risen Eagle Ambassador~

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