Tuesday, March 22 2016

Psalm 71:1-14

"1I've taken refuge in you, Lord.

Don't let me ever be put to shame!
2Deliver me and rescue me
by your righteousness!
Bend your ear toward me
     and save me!
3Be my rock of refuge
     where I can always escape.
You commanded that my life be saved
because you are my rock
     and my fortress.
4My God, rescue me
from the power of the wicked;
rescue me from the grip of the
wrongdoer and the oppressor
5because you are my hope, Lord.
You, Lord, are the one I've trusted
since childhood.
6I've depended on your from birth-
you cut the cord when I came
from my mother's womb.
My praise is always about you.
7I've become an example to many people
because you are my strong refuge.
8My mouth is filled with your praise,
glorifying you all day long.
9Don't cast me off in old age.
Don't abandon me when my strength is used up!

10Yes, my enemies have been talking about me;
those who stalk me plot together:
11'God has abandoned him! Pursue him! Grab him
because no one will deliver him!'
12Don't be far from me, God!
My God, hurry to help me!
13Let my accusers be put to shame,
completely finished off!
Let those who seek my downfall
be dressed in insults and disgrace!

14But me? I will hope. Always.
I will add to all your praise."

Daily Prayer

Restless with grief and fear,

the abandoned turn to you:

in every hour of trial,

good Lord, deliver us,

O God most holy, God most strong,

whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.

-Amen