Hear My Prayer

Psalm 4:1-Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. (KJV)

Believers are expected to turn to the Lord with increased prayer during Great Lent. The Psalms serve as a point of reference in seeking the Lord's attentiveness. Believers may at times have difficulty putting the words together to pray to God. The Lord hears the contents of the heart rising deep from within the believer. Trust is placed in the Lord when the believer seeks to be heard in prayer. Psalm 5:3-My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.(KJV)

Prayer is to be a part of the very beginning and ending of each day for believers. Throughout the whole day believers have opportunities to pray to the Lord God. The Lord is ever-present to hear the prayers of those reaching out in sincere faith. The Church encourages prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord throughout earthly life. The Lord's blessings each day are a basis for giving continuous thanks in prayer. Psalm 6:9-The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. (KJV)

Believers realize within the heart that prayers offered to the Lord are heard. The Lord chooses the proper time and the way to answer the believer's prayers. Patience and trust are required of the believer seeking answers to prayer. The experience of Great Lent is enriched when believers increase daily prayers. Believers have the responsibility to combine prayers with facilitating actions. Psalm 17:1-Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips (KJV)

Some matters need to be completely given over to the Lord God in prayer. The believer needs to assess what personal actions should accompany prayer. Each believer determines if all possible is being done for prayer to be realized. Fasting and almsgiving combine with prayer during the faithful Lenten journey. Prayer is a direct and sound investment in living the serious life in Jesus Christ. **Psalm 39:12-Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.** (KJV)

Great Lent is an opportunity for believers to draw closer to God through prayer. The believer reaches out in prayer to draw near to the Lord in faith and in hope. Prayer is the sound way to journey through earthly life united with the Lord God. A person best combats feelings of loneliness by reaching out to the Lord in prayer. Prayer is the way to verify the reassuring presence of the Lord God in

daily life. Venerable Procopius of Decapolis. Venerable Talaleus. February 27/March 12, 2025. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic