



A Prayer for May 26, 2020

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Ancient and classical prayers of long ago have blessed millions of people throughout the centuries from various languages, cultures, and countries. They offer us a sense of continuity with the past, a connection in the present, and a commitment to a better future. Hence, they are still relevant for today's unprecedented concerns. They are not about changing God, but changing ourselves.

Prayer attributed to Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430 CE):

God of life, there are days
when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down,
when the road seems dreary and endless,
 the skies gray and threatening,
when our lives have no music in them,
 and our hearts are lonely,
 and our souls have lost their courage.
Flood the path with light;
turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship
 with heroes and saints of every age;
and so quicken our spirits
 that we may be able to encourage
 the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life,
 to your honor and glory. **Amen.**