

Lord,

I come before You this morning with a heart that wants to reflect Your light to the world around me. Which means I need to make my way to Your feet before anything else, so that I can surrender my plans, my preferences, my expectations, and my need for control.

Help me remember that Your ways are higher than mine. Your timing is better than mine. Your wisdom is greater than mine. And Your plans reach farther than anything I can see from where I stand.

Let Your hand rest on every square inch of this day – over my mind, my mood, my motives, and the many moments that will make up the hours ahead.

If I'm going to be desperate for anything today, make me desperate for You.
If I'm going to be awed by anything today, make me most in awe of You.

If I'm going to be burdened by anything today, let me be burdened by the things that burden Your heart. And if I'm going to step out anywhere today, let it be into the places where You have already gone ahead of me.

God, I come to You grateful. Each day we are given is a gift. Each morning is a chance to begin again – to love more freely, forgive more quickly, listen more closely, and walk more faithfully with You.

And God, You know the hard things I'm carrying this morning.

So I bring You the worries that weigh heavy, the fears that keep circling, and the troubles I don't know how to fix. There may be moments today when I don't think I can take another step. If that happens, remind me:

The God who called me here has not stepped away. You are steady when I am not, faithful when I am afraid, and strong enough to carry what feels too heavy for me today.

So I will breathe. I will trust. I will rest. Because I am still in Your hands.

And there is no safer place for me to be.

Amen