

Go-to Verse

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19:14

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.*

These words from the Psalm have been my go-to verse for decades. I lived on Lake Tillery in central North Carolina for thirty-eight years and was blessed to rise each morning and look across the lake at the Uwharrie Mountains. I began my day with this prayerful poem by Helen Steiner Rice:

Good Morning God!
You are ushering in another day,
untouched and freshly new.
So here I am to ask You, God,
if You'll renew me too.

Forgive the many errors that I made yesterday
and let me try again, dear God,
to walk closer in Your way.

But, Lord, I am well aware,
I can't make it on my own.
So, take my hand and hold it tight,
for I cannot walk alone.

Throughout my busy days and in my many roles as wife, mother, educator, church leader, community organizer, and other, I slipped away from God holding my hand and trying to do things my way. Thankfully, I was brought back to Psalm 19:14, and everything fell into place as I trusted Him and not myself.

Prayer: Thank you, God, for caring so much for me. Lord, teach me to offer You a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all my daily experiences of life. Teach me to be joyful always, to pray continually and to give thanks in all my circumstances. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

~ Submitted by Catherine Fussell for the Twenty-first Reading of Lent.