

1 KINGS 19: 4-8, 11-13

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Litany #4 (BAS pg. 113)

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy"

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ; fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear and have mercy

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

Lord, hear and have mercy

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

Lord, hear and have mercy

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, hear and have mercy

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

Lord, hear and have mercy

We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

Lord, hear and have mercy

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

Lord, hear and have mercy

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

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