

Daily Morning Message  
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Daily Lectionary Readings    Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
  Job 29:1-20  
  Acts 20:1-6

Today's Scripture Verse:    *I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy, and I championed the cause of the stranger. I broke the fangs of the unrighteous and made them drop their prey from their teeth. (Job 29:15-17)*

What it means:                When we read the whole book of Job, it forms a story about a man who loses everything, but in the end hears God's voice and is restored in his faith. But within the book there are also beautiful examples of poetry and wisdom. Chapter 29, read as a whole is the lamentation of someone who, in a time of misfortune, is remembering the good things he has done. Verses 15-17 form the image of a faithful life lived well.

Our time of reflection:      As we think about Job's actions for others in a time when he was strong and prosperous, may we also be inspired to the life of mutual care, each of us making up for what the other lacks or needs. This mutuality and empathy for others is what makes up the concept of righteousness in the Scriptures.

