

Daily Morning Message
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Lectionary Readings *Psalm 84*
 1 Kings 4:29-34
 Romans 13:11-14

Today's Scripture Verse: *Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. (Romans 13:11)*

What it means: In this passage from Paul's letter to Rome, he senses the urgency of the time. He may have imagined it differently than we would now, but his message remains meaningful in light of the troubles of our world today.

Our time of reflection: We live in a time when people are worried about the future – the climate crisis, the failures of politics, the unwinnable wars, the pandemic, and the many who are homeless cause us to wonder if the problems of our day are too overwhelming for us to conquer. Paul's message to such times is one of hope: Wake up to our calling, and engage the troubles of this world with courage, believing that salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

