

*Daily Morning Message*

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Daily Lectionary Readings      Psalm 125  
   1 Kings 18:1-18  
   Ephesians 6:10-17

Today's Scripture Verse:      *When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" He answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and followed the Baals." (1 Kings 18:17-18)*

What it means:                      When the late civil rights pioneer John Lewis said he had often gotten into "good trouble," he may have had this Scripture passage in mind. The kings of the world generally want to believe that peace comes when people are silent, but prophets like Elijah know that speaking out against injustice is often needed to create the basis for genuine peace.

Our time of prayer:                Remind us, God, of the Bible's testimony to the stirrings of prophetic voices that paved the way for envisioning the holy community of God. Then may we learn to be troublers of the false peace that is only silence in the face of inequities in our society and the world.

