

*Daily Morning Message*

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*Daily Lectionary Readings*

*Psalm 17*

*Exodus 4:10-31*

*Revelation 3:1-6*

*Today's Scripture Verse:*

*I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. (Revelation 3:1b-2)*

*What it means:*

This is the letter from the author of Revelation to the Church in Sardis. We don't know exactly what seemed wrong about the church's works, but we can think of churches that have a name for being alive but are dead. The Gospel is not served by churches that have a successful image, but by churches that are servant communities, doing the works of the Divine Realm.

*Our time of prayer:*

God, may we never rest on the laurels of apparent success, but be mindful that our authenticity as Christians is revealed in the works we do for others.

