



DAY 17 | May 17, 2020

## Scripture

“Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble. The Lord protects and preserves them — they are counted as blessed in the land.” — **PSALM 41:1-2**

## Inspiration

Wellspring has a rich mission that goes back more than 125 years. Think about that for a moment — a mission that has persevered through two world wars, a great depression, countless recessions, and all kinds of social change and upheaval. But did you know that Wellspring is now experiencing our fourth pandemic? That’s right — 1918; 1957; 1968; and now 2020! What’s the point? As the verse says, those who serve the “weak” are blessed because God protects and preserves them! That’s us! **We serve all kinds of people, and though we wouldn’t use the word “weak” to describe the people we’re called to serve, we do recognize they are in need of support, they are often disadvantaged and disenfranchised, and often overlooked by others.** We have been blessed with a mission that God has protected through many decades of challenges, not just in these troubling times. Let’s face it, we’re blessed!

## Prayer

**GRACIOUS GOD,** thank you for protecting and preserving us through all these years! You have given us a rich and strong mission, and despite challenges over those many years, you bless us. Those blessings come in many different ways; they are all around us because you are all around us. **You love us so much that you attend to our needs and carry us through tough times. You’ve walked with us and those who came before us, blessing us all the while.** Thank you for those blessings, and open our eyes, minds, and hearts to be more aware of them each and every day. **AMEN.**