



DAY 19 | May 19, 2020

Scripture

“You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst in to song before you, and the trees of the field will clap their hands.”

— ISAIAH 55:12

Inspiration

These ancient words were written for the people of that time — struggling with circumstance and wondering what was next for them. While they were written for the people of that time, they also were intended for us in this time. **They serve as a reminder that there is a future, that circumstances will change, and that we'll be led from this time and place with “joy and peace!”** As I read this verse, I can't help but think of spring coming to life all around us in this strange time. And yet, here comes spring with green grass, flowers, trees filling out and the earth renewing itself. It's like God's creation itself is cheering us up, and cheering us on! What a blessing to know that God remains faithful and gives us hints of His creative love for us in the signs of spring.

Prayer

GOD OF THE UNIVERSE, the earth is coming to life all around us these days. It seems like we've been looking out at it through the window for countless months. And as warm days come bringing with it renewal, thank you for the reminder that **you are constantly renewing us, giving us what we need for the moment and day at hand.** Thank you for the warmth of the sun, the birds whose songs greet us each morning, and the flowers that are arrayed in unmatched beauty and color! These blessings rejuvenate our spirits and remind us that you will lead us out of this time with joy and peace in our hearts! We ask that you continue these amazing blessings and help us to return thanks to you by serving your people. **AMEN.**