



DAY 21 | May 21, 2020

Scripture

“He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and He guided them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for all mankind.” — **PSALM 107:29-31**

Inspiration

Oh, those storms of life...sometimes they're very personal, raging in our hearts and heads. Sometimes those storms impact our entire family, and we struggle to help ourselves and our loved ones survive. And sometimes the storms of life affect an entire community or an entire world! When the storms are personal or affect our family, we can reach outside ourselves to a trusted friend, confidant or advisor to help us through. But when our whole world is rocking and shaking with the destruction a storm brings, where do we turn? Well, we're reminded here that **no matter the source of our troubles, the God of the universe can and does still the storm and hush the ravaging waves.** I love the imagery: “He guides them to their desired haven.” There is an end to all this, and God is leading us there. He has the power and the love for us to turn the devastating winds into a whisper. Let's give thanks today for a God who literally can calm the storms of our lives — and does!

Prayer

GOD OF ALL CREATION, we're tossed and turned in this storm they call a pandemic. Like people on a small boat in a hurricane, we feel the ravages of this storm as it pummels our lives. It's even harder to watch people we know and love go through the same thing with none of us having the right anchor to slow things down or make things better. That's why we're so grateful for you and your love for us. **Your authority over all things can calm these raging seas and quiet this wind blowing destruction throughout communities.** You have a safe haven for each of us, starting within our own hearts, where your peace can provide solace and calm. Help us to be your vessels of peace and stability for those around us, pointing to you as the source of that power and love. **AMEN.**