

Blessing for those in the Single Life

Bethlehem has a ministry of Blessings and Milestones that help us mark important parts of our daily lives, and recognize the presence of God in our lives. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

Today we ask God's blessing on those living as a single person. Hear the apostle Paul; from 1 Corinthians 7 - "I wish that all were [single] as I am. But each has a particular gift from God, one having one kind and another a different kind." "Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches."

And from Philippians, chapter 4, ". . . for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

We give you thanks and ask your blessing, O God, on all who live as singles. We are grateful for their partnership in our community of faith. We delight in their gifts.

We recognize their completeness as people, and their value to all the circles of people to which they belong. We give thanks for the way they teach us to rejoice in individuality.

We ask your blessing on those who are single yet mourn the loss of one to whom they were once joined. We ask your blessing on those who seek a person with whom they can spend the rest of their lives. Let your Holy Spirit, lived out in the community of faith, bring them comfort. Let them never be lonely with you in their lives.

With Paul, we ask your blessing, O God, on those who walk with you in the single life. Amen.