Prayer Service

Sister Beata Reiser December 17, 1937 — July 7, 2021



Nazareth Center Chapel July 16, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Song: Blest Are They vs. 1—3

BB #725

Leader: God of Faithfulness, you have called Sister

Beata into Your loving presence. May she be united with all the saints and rest in your

peace forever. Amen

Reading: Matthew 11: 25—30

Response: Sing refrain BB# 467 (2x)

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge. In every age, O God, you have been our hope.

Psalm 90 (From Psalms for Praying, Nan Merrill)

- 1. Eternal and Immortal One, you have been our refuge in all generations before the mountains were brought forth, before you formed the Earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are the Alpha and Omega.
- When our days on Earth are ended, you welcome us home to your heart, to the City of Light where time is eternal and days are not numbered.
- For our days on Earth are a mystery,
 a searching for you,
 a yearning for the great Mystery
 to make itself known.
 The years pass and soon the harvest is at hand,
 a time to reap the fruit of one's life.

Who has lived with integrity?
Who will reflect the light?
Who can bear the radiant beams of Love?

All: Teach us, O Beloved, to honor each day that we may have a heart of wisdom.

Repeat Song Refrain: BB #467 (2x) In every age, O God, you have been our refuge. In every age, O God, you have been our hope.

Sharing of Memories

Prayer to St. Agnes

Behold, what I long coveted, I already see; what I hoped for, I now hold safe. To God alone I am associated in heaven, whom on earth I loved with all devotedness.

Leader: Pray for us, St. Agnes,

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, who choose the weak of the world to confound the strong, mercifully grant that we, who are placed under the patronage of your virgin and martyr, Agnes, may feel the benefit of her intercession with you. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: *Mary's Song* BB #682



Give to my heart, O Lord...
Compassion and understanding.
Give to my hands skill and tenderness.
Give to my ears the ability to listen.
Give to my lips words of comfort.

Give to me, Lord...
Strength for this selfless service to those I am called to serve.

Amen

(Anonymous)