

## **O LORD, CHANGE MY HEART**

**I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep My laws and sincerely respect My observances. Ezekiel 36:25-27**

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As we begin prayer today, please dip fingers in bowl of water and trace a cross on your forehead, lips and heart.

**Leader: Bend my heart to Your Will, O God.**

**All: *Bend my heart to Your Will, O God.***

**Leader: By Your Word, give me life.**

**All: *Bend my actions to Your Word, O God.***

**Leader: Bend my mind to Your Will O God.**

**All: *Bend my mind to Your Will, O God.***

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### **Psalm 35**

**All: In Your light, God, we see light.**

**1. Evil whispers to the sinner in the depths of his heart:  
the fear of God does not stand before his eyes.**

**2. Evil's flattering light disguises his wickedness,  
so that he does not hate it.**

**His words are false and deceitful,  
he no longer considers how to do good.**

**1. Even when in bed he plots mischief;  
he follows the wrong path; he does not hate malice.**

**2. Lord, your mercy fills the heavens,  
Your faithfulness rises to the sky.  
Your justice is like the mountains of God,  
Your judgements are like the deeps of the sea.**

**1. Lord, You protect both men and beasts.**

**How precious is Your kindness, O God!**

**2. The sons and daughters of men and women  
will take shelter under Your wings.**

**1. For with you is the spring of life-giving water.  
In Your Light we shall see true Light.**

**GOD'S WORD COME TO US TODAY: Jeremiah 24:7**

**I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart.**

## **REFLECTION**

### **PRAYER of ST. FRANCIS**

**Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me bring love.**

**Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.**

**Where there is discord, let me bring union.**

**Where there is error, let me bring truth.**

**Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.**

**Where there is despair, let me bring hope.**

**Where there is darkness, let me bring Your light.**

**Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.**

**O Master, let me not seek as much**

**to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love,**

**for it is in giving that one receives,**

**it is in self-forgetting that one finds,**

**it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,**

**it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.**

**Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!**