

2026-02-21 Meditation for Saturday after Ash Wednesday is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

[The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:]

*Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,*  
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,  
*Die sich in Jesu offenbart;*  
In Jesus present evermore,  
*Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,*  
I worship thee, in homage bending,

## Psalm 85

Lyrics: Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Music: Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

Artists: The Choir of Lincoln Cathedral, Charles Harrison (organ), Aric Prentice (dir.)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdZtK1emHUC&list=RDXdZtK1emHUC&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdZtK1emHUC&list=RDXdZtK1emHUC&start_radio=1)

[Remembering God's mercy]

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; \* thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, \* and covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, \* and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

[Present needs]

4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour, \* and let thine anger cease from us.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? \* and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, \* that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Show us thy mercy, O LORD, \* and grant us thy salvation.

[The psalmist's vision of future peace]

8 I will hearken what the LORD God will say concerning me; \* for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; \* that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together: \* righteousness and peace have

kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, \* and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness; \* and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \* and shall direct his going in the way.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen

[Closing words to our theme song:]

*O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,*

O! that every sinner would know this,

*Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.*

His heart must soon surely love You.

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