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**“For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.”**

One of the devotional resources of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A and of many other denominations as well, is the Common Lectionary. There are actually two lectionaries: one for the Sundays of the year in a three-year cycle; and the second is a daily offering of a morning and evening Psalm, an Old Testament reading, an Epistle reading, and a Gospel reading. For today’s “Faith Matters”, I invite us into a conversation space with the Morning Psalm. You may read it below, or from your favorite translation. The questions are what came to my mind. You may have questions that make this Psalm speak even more deeply.

Morning Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- 2 Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem — built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
- 4 To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of
the LORD.
- 5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up,

- the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.”
- 8 For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
- 9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Questions for thought....and for commitment:

Verse 1 – Who are “they”? Who are “us”?

Verse 2 – By Whose grace are “our feet standing”? and
within Whose “gates”?

Verse 4 – Who are “the tribes”, in my life experience?
What might it mean that All the tribes are going to the same
place?

Verses (4),5 – What might it mean that the “thrones for
judgment” were not set up in any other place, than in a place
where all are giving thanks to God?

Verse 6 – What might it mean to “pray for the peace” of a
place where all tribes are gathering?

Verse 7 – What would the “walls” look like in such a place?

Verse 8 – Are there any more people in the number of “my
relatives and friends” after reading this Psalm, than before I
read it?

Verse 9 – Who comes to mind today? that
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.... I will seek your good.”**

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