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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you need help? In reality we cannot go through life without getting help from others. When we are infants we are depending on those around us to help us, take care of us, provide for us, and protect us. When we are in school we need help with homework, relationships, and help in becoming independent. When we find a job we need help in learning the ropes and doing what our employer wants us to do. We may need help in finding a spouse, a car, a home, moving, etc. When children come along we need help in caring for them, teaching them, providing for them, etc. When we grow old we need help in so many different ways. Even though we may be independent, we still need help.

Where do you go for help when your life has been shaken by a job layoff, a serious illness, financial struggles, a death of a loved one, broken relationships, or when the guilt of sin is crushing you under its weight? Where can you go for help?

Look up, my friend. Look up because the Lord is always looking down. Look up to the Creator of heaven and earth. If the Lord God almighty can create this universe, He can help you. And He will. His love for you cannot be measured.

Here is today's devotion.

*Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. **Psalm 124:8***

The world seems to be such a crazy place. Few days seem to pass before we hear about another shooting or bombing or attack of some kind. Crazy!

How is *your* world? Is your world as crazy as the big world around us? Perhaps sometimes it feels that way. Sometimes we simply say, “I need help!”

And we have it. In the Apostles’ Creed we confess that we believe in God the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth. Our Psalm reminds us that the “Maker of heaven and earth” is also the one in whom our help is found. Think about what that means for your life. The One who was powerful enough to say, “Let there be light” and light appeared, the One who was powerful enough to put the sun, moon, and stars in the heavens, that One is also your helper! And he’s a faithful helper. He’ll not leave your side, ever.

Yes, this world may be crazy. Yes, your world may feel crazy at times. But you and I have the ultimate helper, the God who made the heavens and the earth!

Prayer: *O Father, remind me that you faithfully use your powerful love to help me. Amen.*

(WELS E-Devotion, adapted)

...See you in worship.

Keep looking up because the Lord is always looking down – Psalm 121

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