

### **Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NLT)**

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>1</sup>For the LORD will remove his hand of judgment

and will disperse the armies of your enemy.

And the LORD himself, the King of Israel, will live among you!

At last your troubles will be over, and you will never again fear disaster.

On that day the announcement to Jerusalem will be,

“Cheer up, Zion! Don’t be afraid!

For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior.

He will take delight in you with gladness.

With his love, he will calm all your fears.

He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

“I will gather you who mourn for the appointed festivals;

you will be disgraced no more.

And I will deal severely with all who have oppressed you.

I will save the weak and helpless ones;

I will bring together those who were chased away.

I will give glory and fame to my former exiles,

wherever they have been mocked and shamed.

On that day I will gather you together and bring you home again.

I will give you a good name, a name of distinction, among all the nations of the earth,

as I restore your fortunes before their very eyes.

I, the LORD, have spoken!”

### **For Reflection and Prayer:**

As you listened to the text, was there a word, phrase or image which caught your attention?

Gently repeat the word or phrase, giving it room to settle deeply in your heart.

Reflect on what you heard. Relish the words. Notice how the word or words affected you.

Which emotions stirred within you? You might choose to journal about what you heard.

Respond to what you heard and reflected on in your prayer with God. Is there a prayer of which rises within you?

Rest in God as you simply be and entrust yourself to God in the quiet.