

Oh Lord Hear My Prayer

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4th Week of Advent



"I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the Lord. I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Lord." (Samuel 1:26)

When God blesses us it is natural to want to return to God in kind. Hannah is a wonderful example of this response to God's goodness. She prayed for a child and promised that she would not hold on to Samuel. Rather she would allow God to use Samuel in whatever way God desired. Years later, I learned that once I spoke about an interest in religious life, my mother prayed that I would be open to that possible call. Both my parents wanted my happiness. If religious life would lead me to that fullness of life, that is what they wanted for me. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for your loving and freeing support. Your witness is like that of Hannah's.

Reflection:

Has the Lord answered your prayers? How have you responded to that blessing?

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