

In the presence of the Lord

The disciples, who were in the company of Jesus, addressed their prayers directly to Him, the way a child speaks to a parent who is immediately present.

On the Mount of Transfiguration Peter spoke such a prayer: "Lord, it is good for us to be here." This was an implied thanksgiving for blessings inherent in being where Jesus is. The prayer was also an implied request. Peter sought approval for something to be done: the erections of three shelters - one for Jesus and the other two for Moses and Elijah.

There are times when we can say with gratitude: "Lord, it is good for us to be here" - in God's house, for example, where Jesus is present in and through

Word and sacraments. Peter was thrilled to be in the company of such great believers of the Old Testament as Moses and Elijah. It is likewise good for us to be with others of our faith, not only during church worship by also in other settings of Christian fellowship: Bible classes, social gatherings, and places where Christian service is performed. Add the Christian home as a place where it is good for us to be as a family, giving thanks for the presence of Jesus and of those we love.



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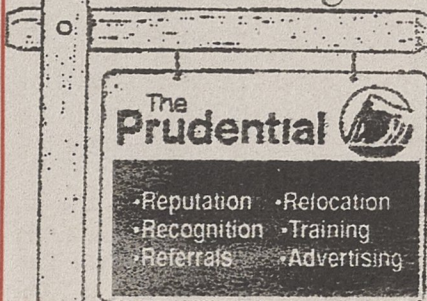


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