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SCRIPTURE

PSALM 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
- 3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.
- 4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
- 5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- 10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- 11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, that You don't change; that You are with us and guiding us and will not abandon us. And thank you most of all for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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