

Daily Devotion For August 18, 2021

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:35-36

Like many of you, my heart goes out to the people of Afghanistan. Listening to the news reports from the various networks and reading various news articles, we see that Afghanistan is in a state of chaos and confusion.

The video of hundreds of Afghan people seeking to board a US Military Transport plane to escape the perceived terrorism from the Taliban is alarming and heartbreaking.

Watching one news report a young Afghan said that he was afraid for his life. Another woman spoke of how her life had changed 20 years ago but is afraid of the Taliban making them go back to some form of sharia law. There are countless stories just like these being shared everyday in the news. But behind each story there is a human story of fear, anxiety, worry, and helplessness.

Matthew 9:36 tells us that when Jesus saw the crowds who were harassed and helpless and wandering around like sheep without a shepherd, he had compassion on them.

Thought and Prayer Focus For Today: Let us pray for the people of Afghanistan that they would be helped by Almighty God, the one who knows each person by name and is a God of Compassion. Continue to add this week's prayer fuel to your daily devotions. Deo Volente.