

LISTENING ALONGSIDE



ECHOING CHRIST

Lenten Devotions 2017

**Tuesday,
March 7, 2017**

"My life is a listening, His is a speaking. My salvation is to hear and respond. For this, my life must be silent. Hence, my silence is my salvation."

Thomas Merton

From *Thoughts in Solitude*

Prayer

Loving God, you call us back to you with all of our hearts.

I feel your call for me deep in my heart

and I know you want me back

as much as I want to return.

Please, Lord, give me the wisdom to know how to return.

Make my journey back to you this Lent

one of grace, forgiveness and gentle love.

May the Lord bless us,

protect us from all evil

and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

From *Praying Lent: An Online Ministry of Creighton University*

1 Kings 19:11-12

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
 where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
 the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip—
 he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm—
 he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
 both now and forevermore.