

Thursday 26th August 2021

*Ps.28,9: "Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them for ever."*

*1Pt.2,9: "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

'We must pray for the whole church, and not for ourselves alone. Save your people. Deliver them from their enemies, preserve them from their sins, succour them under their troubles, rescue them from their temptations, and ward off from them every ill. There is a plea hidden in the expression "your people": for it may be safely concluded that God's interest in the church, as his own portion, will lead him to guard it from destruction. Bless your inheritance. Grant positive blessings, peace, plenty, prosperity, happiness; make all your dearly purchased and precious heritage to be comforted by your Spirit. Revive, refresh, enlarge and sanctify your church. Feed them also. Be a shepherd to your flock, let their bodily and spiritual wants be plentifully supplied. By your word, and ordinances, direct, rule, sustain, and satisfy those who are the sheep of your hand. And lift them up for ever. Carry them in your arms on earth, and then lift them into your bosom in heaven. Elevate their minds and thoughts, spiritualise their affections, make them heavenly, Christlike, and full of God. O Lord, answer this our petition, for Jesus' sake.'

(C Spurgeon, The Treasury of David)