

# **National Youth Sunday 2021**

**Psalm 25:15-17 Lonely and afflicted**

Prayer by Rachel Witkovsky

O God, holy one, creator,

who stood alone in the chaos at the beginning of the world,

you know what it is to be lonely.

You did not create us to be alone.

Our hearts are not built for isolation.

But even in the empty, silent moments our lives,

we know we are not truly alone.

You have not abandoned us.

Listening closely, we can hear your whisper,

your promise of companionship and guidance.

Standing in a deserted place, if we quiet our hearts,

we can feel you close to us.

Remind us once again, here today, of your presence in our lives.

May we ground our feet in your love,

and rest our weary heads near your heart.

To hear the constant rhythm,

the steady beat of it,

reassuring us that you are here.

You are with us,

and you will never be far from our side. Amen.