### Romans 8:35-39

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<sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Sirach 50:22-24

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And now bless the God of all, who everywhere works great wonders, who fosters our growth from birth, and deals with us according to his mercy.

- <sup>23</sup> May he give us<sup>[a]</sup> gladness of heart, and may there be peace in our<sup>[b]</sup> days in Israel, as in the days of old.
- <sup>24</sup> May he entrust to us his mercy, and may he deliver us in our days!

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## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

- Each day this week, think of ONE "countless gift of love" that God with which God has blessed you in your life.
- Relate to these trying times of pandemic and unrest in this country and pray "Keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed."
- Sometime this week, listen to the link <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eXcRepj6RM</u>

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