

DAILY PRAYER
(for the week of January 10 - 16)

O Lord, Jesus, you are the beloved of God. We hear it in St. Paul's letters. We hear it in John's story of your transfiguration. We hear it in the gospels. You are the Beloved, the One whom God loves. Yet, just as you are baptized to belong to us, we are baptized to belong to you. O let us hear, more deeply than persistent echoes of petty criticism, that we are—in you—beloved of God, the one whom Jesus loves. Teach me, Lord, that, just as you belong to God, our brothers and sisters belong to us and we to them. Because we belong to each other and to you, I am the one whom God loves. Remind me, O God, that I am, for reasons I cannot understand fully, your Beloved. Amen.