Reflection on Psalm 85

Father, You have *turned back our captivity* to sin (v.1). You have turned away Your anger from us (v.3). Your displeasure with our wrongness is past. Praise to You! But now, Lord, having tasted the freedom of forgiveness, having enjoyed the pleasure of a good relationship with You, we pray for You to finish what You have started. Turn us fully to Yourself (v.4). Turn us to fullness of life and fullness of joy in You (v.6). As we remain turned toward You (v.8), bless us with Your peace; bless us with the complete well-being that flows from a right relationship with You.

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with You

forever!

Hymn: Psalm 85

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