"Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise him, all you people of the earth. For his unfailing love for us is powerful; the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the Lord!" Psalms 117:1-2

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Truth, beautifully, simply, succinctly shared in the Psalms. This has got to be the shortest Psalm in the collection. Praise him for his unfailing love for us is powerful, his faithfulness endures for ever! What does it take to see humanity through, from fallen, selfish state, to complete restoration and right relationship with EVERYTHING - specifically God himself? Unfailing love and faithfulness. Sometimes I wonder if I or humans will really make it to the end of this story called earth and people. Sometimes I see the deep cycles of greed, pleasure and disregard for anyone or anything and I ask, "How can we (anyone) make it? Forget heaven and eternity for a moment, I'm talking about making it through this earthbound story without SELF IMPLODING! We don't need ANY external enemies, terrorists or evil villains. We are completely capable of destroying ourselves by our own self-centered, over-inflated view of our place in this grand story. We've got evolution replacing God with science and reduced to a random single cell creature that just "happens" to burst into all known aspects of human, animal, flora and fauna. We've got multiple self-serving gods who demand total obedience and give nothing back but fear and terror. Who needs enemies when we have our our broken souls? And yet the Psalmist simply reminds us - his love and faithfulness is POWERFUL to redeem and transform our broken story, our self-centered perspective. Yes! Praise the Lord!!!

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,
This Psalm maybe short and sweet, but it is powerful to remember that YOU and you alone have the ability to re-make us, re-boot our planet, and save us from ourselves. That is such a hard message - save us from us!

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root