

"Let ~~the~~^{us} hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to
his saints, to those who turn to him in
their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand
for those who fear him, that glory may dwell
in our land." Psalm 85: 8-9

First, one of the most important things in
our lives is knowing who we are. There are ways
in which we are identified in this world. Some
people ask, "What do you do for a living?"

When we are asked this question, remind us that
as our Father in heaven, you have created us and
have equipped us with a ~~special~~ special set of
talents, skills, abilities, and interests.

When people ask us where we come from,
remind us that our home, our neighborhood, and
those places where we work and play are places
where we do our ministry in your name. To the world,
we are called to bring your Word to all we
meet.

But more important than who we are
is whose we are. You have called us to be
your children. In our baptism you cancel out
the old Adam in us and make us new creations
who, by your grace, become your sons, daughters

of sins, and the promise of eternal life.

Let us never forget that you are our God.
It is a privilege to be a creature created
by the Creator of all that is. It is an honor
to be a disciple of the Savior of all and a
recipient of the truth, the strength, and guidance
that comes from the Holy Spirit.

