My prayer today (June 2):

God I need you. I need to be led before I can lead. I need your light to burn away the darkness that I harbor. I need you to show me the changes I can make and the changes I need to have made. **Come Holy Spirit**, Be present here and everywhere. Give your church words of hope, peace and reconciliation. Somehow, heal our community, heal our nation, Heal us, heal me. There is a sickness, a dis-ease, a something-is-missing. Yes, it is true; what is missing is Jesus from our lives. Yes, Jesus is the way, truth, and life. But, we are the visual presence of those nail scarred hands. We are his dirty feet that need to carry us to wash the feet of others. Is this our cross? Of course it is! One of many we are called to carry. So, it is time to pick it up; to stop talking about it, watching it, preaching about it, studying it, claiming it. It's time to carry it and pay the price. That's what prayer is isn't it? To ask you for change, and then get up off my knees and start changing things! I need you to show me the way. I need courage to walk that way. God, I need you. Amen.