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Good morning everyone

I have a suggestion today. I know many of you are already doing this but as the pandemic lockdown takes hold many folks are feeling lonely or isolated. Do you know someone who maybe doesn't have email and would benefit from a telephone call? Why not call them to see if they're OK and maybe offer to pray with them or for them?.....

We need to be united as the Body of Christ in these difficult times.

Let us take a few moments to be silent and still before God.....

As St. Theresa of Avila so aptly puts in her prayer

Christ has no body now on earth but /yours,

No hands but /yours, No feet but /yours,

Yours are his eyes,
Through which Christ's compassion
Is to look out to the earth,

Yours are his feet, By which he is to go about doing good

And yours are the hands
By which he is to bless us now.

AMEN

Psalm 34:15-end

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.
He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.
Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

The Unbelief of Jesus' Brothers

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He did not wish to go about in Judea because the Jews were looking for an opportunity to kill him. Now the Jewish festival of Booths was near.

Jesus at the Festival of Booths

But after his brothers had gone to the festival, then he also went, not publicly but as it were in secret.

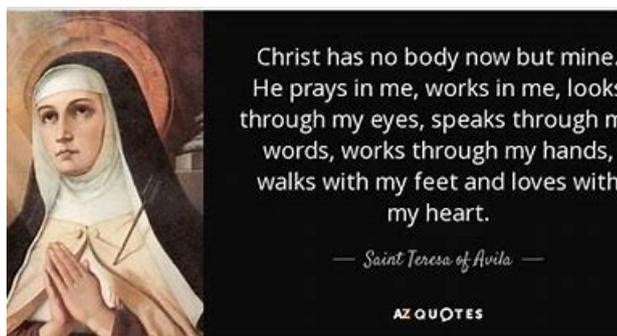
Is This the Christ?

Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill? And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah? Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.' Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, 'You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.' Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come.

Let us pray with the words which Jesus taught us:-

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord our God, we thank you for the help you have given us so that we can stand before you, rejoicing in the certainty of faith. We thank you for guiding and leading our lives and for letting us see a goal ahead. Be with us in times of silence when we seem to be alone. Keep us strong and steadfast through all the turmoil of life. Help us to remain unshaken, for you walk with us holding us by the hand. Amen.



Blessings
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