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Dear all

Let's begin with a few moments of silence.....

God to enfold me,  
God to surround me,  
God in my speaking,  
God in my thinking.

God in my sleeping,  
God in my waking,  
God in my watching,  
God in my hoping.

God in my life,  
God in my lips,  
God in my soul,  
God in my heart.

God in my sufficing,  
God in my slumber,  
God in mine ever-living soul,  
God in mine eternity.

(Ancient celtic oral traditions - carmina gadelica)

Psalm 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.  
With my whole heart I seek you;  
do not let me stray from your commandments.  
I treasure your word in my heart,  
so that I may not sin against you.  
Blessed are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes.  
With my lips I declare  
all the ordinances of your mouth.  
I delight in the way of your decrees  
as much as in all riches.  
I will meditate on your precepts,  
and fix my eyes on your ways.  
I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.

#### **Ephesians 4:7-16**

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,  
'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

### **Mark 13:5-13**

Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

### **Persecution Foretold**

'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Let us pray in the words that Jesus has 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.

And we will finish with The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen.

Until tomorrow

Blessing

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