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Good morning

Happy Friday. Let's take a few moments to be still, calm and quiet.....

Today is World Environment Day, let us pray for God's earth and its future.

Creator of our common home,
You fill the earth and sea and sky with life
Forgive us our neglect of your creation
The choking waste of our pollution
The damage done by careless habits
And our indifference to future generations.
Help us to amend our lives
To refuse more plastic if we can't reuse it
To lift our voice for lasting change
And to live well and gently on the earth
To the glory of your Son, the Living Word
Through whom you made this fragile world.
Amen.

Written by Rt Revd Steven Croft
Bishop of Oxford

Psalm 119: 161-168

Princes persecute me without cause,
but my heart stands in awe of your words.
I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.
I hate and abhor falsehood,
but I love your law.
Seven times a day I praise you
for your righteous ordinances.
Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.
I hope for your salvation, O LORD,
and I fulfil your commandments.
My soul keeps your decrees;
I love them exceedingly.
I keep your precepts and decrees,
for all my ways are before you.

Reflection on Psalm 119:161-168

We have all at some time been falsely accused or lied to but when we pray to God about such an accusation we can forgive and find peace. Others can lie to us but we each have a choice about what we say and if we follow the Word of God we will always tell the truth. Honesty is a great virtue. According to the Psalm we should praise the Lord '*Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous ordinances*'. Praise Him for all that He does for us and gives to us; the beautiful earth, the wildlife, the flowers, the seas, the mountains every blessing which is bestowed upon us and as we praise and thank Him - we can then also find peace even when all around us seems to be in chaos. We find that deep deep peace which passes all understanding which only the Lord can bestow. Obey the Lord, praise the Lord, thank the Lord and live by His ways in everything which you do and say - think of others when you speak, let your words be calming and full of God's wisdom and grace. In Jesus name we pray - AMEN

Heavenly Father,
You have taught us, through your servant St Francis,
That all creation is your handiwork.
Grant us your grace that we may
Exercise wise stewardship of this Earth;
Tread lightly upon it;
And cherish its resources;
That our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations,
And your name be glorified through all that you have made.
Amen.

Written by Rt Revd David Walker
Bishop of Manchester

This is also the 10th day of national mourning in Spain for all of those who have been affected or died from the Corona virus.....please remember them in your prayers.....

The Lord's Prayer

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ
AMEN

Blessings and love

Vicky