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Good morning

Let us be still, let go and let God.....

Dear Lord

We thank you for this new day and for all the wonders which you reveal to us.

We thank you for the blessings which you bestow, for your love and for your deep, deep peace which passes all understanding. AMEN

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

Mark 12:38-end

Jesus Denounces the Scribes

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

The Widow's Offering

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Reflection

This reading gives an incredible teaching to all of us.

The first part puts me in mind of Matthew 6 verse 5

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.'

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who

is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Pray quietly, be at one with Our Heavenly Father and do not seek reward for what you do.....Be humble, honest and behave with humility.

The second part puts me in mind of a giving review which Canon Mel Smith did many years ago. How small does 10€ seem when we are shopping in the supermarket.? or having a menu del dia? But how large does it seem when we give it to God as our offering?

I for one had never thought of money in these terms but perhaps we should all take a leaf out of the widow's book and as Jesus taught us - '*she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.*'

AMEN

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