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Good morning everyone

Let's pause and be still before we begin.....

Eternal God, who knows neither morning nor evening, yet wraps us in love both night and day, lift the curtain from the world and the veil from our hearts. Rise with the morning sun upon our souls and enliven our work and prayer. May we walk this day in the steps of your Son who loved on earth and who always worked in harmony with your will. AMEN.

John 15:12-17

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reflection

Jesus defines His relationship with the disciples and gives His final commandment to them. "Love one another as I have loved you." He also tells them that they are friends and not servants. "You are My friends if you do what I command you," Immediately Jesus presents a very high ideal for the life of His disciples. He says, "I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. I call you friends because I have made known to you everything

I have learned from My Father!" Jesus no longer held any secrets from His disciples. He tells us everything that He has heard from the Father. What a wonderful ideal of life 'in community': to reach a state of total transparency to the point of not having any secrets among us and to have full trust in one another. Being able to enrich one another by speaking about the experience of God that we have. The first Christians succeeded in reaching this ideal after many years: "They had one only heart and one only soul" (Acts 4:32; 1:14; 2:42-46). Jesus has chosen us. We have not chosen Jesus. He met us, called us and entrusted a mission to us to go and bear fruit, and a fruit which lasts. He wants us to continue today to live our lives and reflect in them the love which He bestows on us. "This is My commandment: love one another!"

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

Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.
May it shine forever in your temple,
set on fire with your eternal light,
even your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our Redeemer. AMEN

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

Wishing you every blessing

Vicky