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Good morning everyone

Let us rest and be quiet for a few moments before we begin. May the love and peace of Jesus seep into our hearts.....

Almighty God,  
You are our hope and our strength.  
Without You we falter.  
Help us to follow Christ  
and to live according to Your Holy will.  
In Jesus name. Amen.

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew 6:19-23**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be."

### **Reflection**

Do not accumulate treasures on earth. If, for example, today on TV, it is announced that next month toilet rolls will be lacking in the market, we might all buy as many loo rolls as we can! Remember the beginning of the pandemic!! We accumulate because we lack trust. During the forty years in the desert, the people were tested to see if they were capable of observing God's Law. To see if they were capable of gathering only the necessary manna for a single day and not accumulating for the following day. In today's gospel reading Jesus says: "Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moths and decay destroy them and thieves can break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor decay can destroy and thieves cannot break in and steal. What does it mean to store up treasures in heaven? If we place our trust in God, nobody will be able to destroy it and we will have inner freedom to share with others what we possess..... Our spiritual gifts. It is important to reach out to our community and be willing to share and help. The greatest riches or the treasure are not material riches, but rather the richness or the treasure of the love of Jesus, where our treasure is the love in our hearts. Let us pray that Jesus will lead us to share what we have and to love one another as He loves us.

### **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

May God in his holiness protect us, Christ in his majesty save us, the Holy Spirit on high, inspire us

that our lives may be full of peace and love. May we be inspired to share that peace and love with others whom we meet. In Jesus name. AMEN

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