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Good morning everyone

Wishing you blessings this Tuesday morning.

Let's be still and quiet as we calm ourselves before God.....

May the light of God surround us.
The love of God enfold us.
The power of Godct us.
The presence of God watch over us.
Now and forever more.
AMEN

Psalm 51:1-9

Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Matthew 5:43-end

Love for Enemies

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Reflection

Having mercy on others is right at the heart of Jesus' teaching. 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.' Love is more than showing mercy, but mercy is an essential part of love. Jesus also explains how you can express this mercy practically in what you do. He highlights the importance of prayer. He tells you to 'pray for those who persecute you'. Praying for your enemies helps you to see them as God sees them. In prayer you stand side by side with them, take their guilt and distress on yourself, and plead to God for them.

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

The Father guard us and each action, the Son protect us and each thought. The Spirit guide us in all our dealings, and may the blessing of the Giver of all good gifts be with us now and evermore. AMEN

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

Blessings
Vicky