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Good morning

As is our usual practice let's rest in God's presence before we begin.....

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever AMEN

Psalm 48

The Glory and Strength of Zion

A Song. A Psalm of the Korahites.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.
His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.
Within its citadels God
has shown himself a sure defence.

Then the kings assembled,
they came on together.
As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic, they took to flight;
trembling took hold of them there,
pains as of a woman in labour,
as when an east wind shatters
the ships of Tarshish

Reflection

My initial gut feeling when I read

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in the city of our God.
His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,

Was of our beautiful Tramuntana mountain range here in the north of Mallorca. I never take my surroundings for granted and thank God for the mountains, the sea and His beautiful creation

every day. I remember the first time that we walked up to Lluc back in 2012 to join the pilgrimage run by Canon Mel Smith. As we climbed higher and higher the majesty, the beauty and the wonder of those mountains just echoed the Lord's blessing.

It can be so easy to focus on our problems but when we are surrounded by such magnificent beauty it is also easy to turn our focus to our blessings.

Try to make an effort today to look for those blessings - you might even want to jot down the good things which happen to you.....I am sure that they will far outweigh the bad.

Matthew 11:20-24

Woes to Unrepentant Cities

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.'

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
Until tomorrow
Vicky x