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Good morning

Let's be still, quiet and wait for calm and peace before we begin.....

He comes to you today as he came yesterday.
He will come again tomorrow as he came today.
He will come to you always, Welcome Him.
Say, 'Come Lord Jesus'

Psalm 85

Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favour

To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.
LORD, you were favourable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.

Selah

You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation towards us.
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Matthew 12:46-end

The True Kindred of Jesus

While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, 'Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.' But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' And pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'

Reflection

Well this gospel reading leads us to ask as Jesus did - who are my Mother, my brothers, my family? It is indeed everyone! Everyone is our family - we are all brothers and sisters

in Christ and as such everyone is part of our church family. As Jesus said further on in Matthew's gospel 22:39 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' This leads us to ask and who is our neighbour again the answer is everyone.....

This put me in mind of a song which many of you may remember and you may like to look up a musical version on Youtube but here are the lyrics for it -

The Family of Man

- Fred 'Karl' Dallas

**The family of Man keeps growing
The family of Man keeps sowing
The seeds of a new life every day**

**I belong to a family, the biggest on the earth
Ten thousand every day are coming to birth
Our name isn't Davis, Hall, Groves, or Jones
It's a name every man should be proud he owns**

**I've got a sister in Melbourne, a brother in Paris
The whole wide world is dad and mum to me
Wherever you go you'll find my kin
Whatever the creed or the colour of the skin**

**The miner in the Rhondda, the coolie in Peking
The men across the ocean who plough, reap and spin
They've got a life and others to share it
So let's bridge the oceans and declare**

**From the North Pole ice to the snow at the other
There is not a man I wouldn't call brother
But there isn't much time, I've had my fill
Of the men of war who intend to kill**

**Some people say the world's a horrible place
But it's just as good or bad as the human race
Dirt and misery or health and joy
Man can build or can destroy**

(as sung by The Spinners)

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

We ask for blessings upon our world family.

We bring before you all who are suffering, persecuted, hungry or frightened and ask you to show us ways to help in every situation which we encounter.

In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. AMEN

Blessings and love
Until tomorrow
Vicky x