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Good morning everyone

let's be still and quiet for a while before we begin.....

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 79:8-end

Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.
Why should the nations say,
'Where is their God?'
Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants
be known among the nations before our eyes.

Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;
according to your great power preserve those doomed to die.
Return sevenfold into the bosom of our neighbours
the taunts with which they taunted you, O Lord!
Then we your people, the flock of your pasture,
will give thanks to you for ever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Matthew 13:36-43

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Reflection

Father Simon did a beautiful sermon on this reading a couple of Sundays ago

Today I invite you to take a short time to think about your life. Ask yourself: Am I sowing weeds or wheat in my daily life? What are the areas of my life in which there appears to be more wheat than weeds? Where in my life are there more weeds than wheat? Then pause for a moment and ask yourself: What do I want to change in my life? I seriously doubt that any of us are striving to produce a poor harvest. However, weeds have a way of encroaching into areas of our lives without our noticing them right away. If we are not aware of their presence, they may begin to cause us pain, disappointment, or damage us, or important people in our lives. Today I invite you to sit and reflect on this image of the "weeds and the wheat." Identify the weeds in your life. How deeply rooted are your weeds? Do you wish to uproot your weeds and allow good seeds to grow? After you do this, sit and pray. Ask Jesus to help you root out the weeds in your life.

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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN

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

Blessings and love
Until tomorrow
Vicky x