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Good morning

Hello Monday! Let's rest and be still in our Lord's presence before we begin.....

Lord, in the desert you spoke to Moses, and prepared John the Baptist; let us know that you are with us in the desert of doubt.

When our feelings do not sense you, when our minds begin to question you, please continue as our guardian and guide.

Lead us out of our darkness into light, until we come out of the wilderness and share the joys of the Promised Land.

In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

## **Psalm 78**

### **God's Goodness and Israel's Ingratitude**

A Maskil of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;  
we will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children;  
that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and rise up and tell them to their children,  
so that they should set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;  
and that they should not be like their ancestors,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

## **Matthew 19:16-22**

### **The Rich Young Man**

Then someone came to him and said, 'Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?' And he said to him, 'Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.' He said to him, 'Which ones?' And Jesus said, 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' The young man said to him, 'I have kept all these; what do I still lack?' Jesus said to him, 'If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

### **Reflection**

This is a well know gospel reading and I am sure that you have heard many messages explaining how you should follow the instructions of Jesus to the rich man and give everything to the poor.

However I have often wondered just what other message is here for you and for me. Let's look at it from our human view. Most of us reading this are rich in comparison with most of the worlds population

" If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of the world. If you have money in the bank, your wallet, and some spare change laying around the house, you're among 8 percent of the world's wealthy."

So how can we help those around us in need? In St.Andrew's we have a collection of non perishable foods for Caritas. The last time that we made a delivery there were 300 families dependant upon food deliveries in the port - that had increased by 238 families since December 2019. It is a good idea to just add a couple of items to our shopping trolley and donate them to a food bank. Some of us are rich in time, maybe retired or not working just now and we can helpfully use this time to keep others company, to call up a neighbour, to take someone out etc, etc. Let's use our riches to share a little with others.  
AMEN

## **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  
Vicky xx