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Good morning

Be still and rest quietly before we begin.....

Holy Spirit of God, moving in the depths of creation,  
come into the depths of our lives to guide and empower us.  
In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

### **Psalm 145**

#### **The Greatness and the Goodness of God**

Praise. Of David.

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendour of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

#### **Matthew 24:42-end**

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

#### **The Faithful or the Unfaithful Slave**

‘Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, “My master is delayed”, and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and

at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## Reflection

In the long run, a life based on truth and integrity, on love, compassion and sharing, will always be better than one based on selfishness. The 'wise ones' are those who consistently try to seek and serve God at every moment of every day. We face an ongoing temptation to jog along in the present, as if there were no significant changes to be made in our lifestyles. We can get comfortable about the way things are, or upset and cynical about the poor state of the world, but do we do anything to make it better?

Jesus urges us to take the longer view; to believe that God is in charge of human history and wants us to play our part in bringing it to completion. We are to be 'faithful and wise' and live as if the Son of Man were just about to come.

Thomas Merton writes: 'Every moment and every event in every person's life plants something in their soul.' Lord, You are busily at work in my life, so help me catch on and respond. Amen.

Throughout the gospels Jesus speaks about being 'awake' and paying attention. Are we so preoccupied with the busyness of life and our own particular cares and concerns that we sometimes forget to watch and pray? The idea that God might come at any hour makes some people nervous and afraid. If we let Jesus lead us into a deeper love of God, we realise that we have nothing to fear but are able - at any time - to say to God, 'Look, I am here.' 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