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Good morning

Welcome to another new day!

Let's take our time and reflect quietly before we begin.....

May the bright light of Christ enlighten our hearts, shine in our minds and direct our journeying, and give light to our world. In Jesus name. AMEN

### **Psalm 119:65-72**

You have dealt well with your servant,  
O LORD, according to your word.  
Teach me good judgement and knowledge,  
for I believe in your commandments.  
Before I was humbled I went astray,  
but now I keep your word.  
You are good and do good;  
teach me your statutes.  
The arrogant smear me with lies,  
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts.  
Their hearts are fat and gross,  
but I delight in your law.  
It is good for me that I was humbled,  
so that I might learn your statutes.  
The law of your mouth is better to me  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

### **Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14**

#### **True Greatness**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'

#### **The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell

you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

### **Reflecton**

Children are a great gift to us. They have the ability to teach us throughout our lives. Most adults think that children should imitate them. Yet, Jesus completely reverses this thought. We adults should strive to have the innocence, joy, frankness, and unconditional love that children naturally show us. I wonder how our lives would be different if we truly would follow the example of children? If I may quote Nicky Gumble who said "Children laugh , on average, 150 times a day. Adults laugh, on average, only six times a day. Jesus tells us to be more like children" How often do you laugh each day?

Restore my fortunes Lord, may I find happiness, laughter and joy in your presence.  
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