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Good morning

Let's begin with a few moments of silent stillness before we begin.....

Loving God, we give thanks
for all who reveal your love and care
through dedicated lives.
We ask your blessing upon all who work
among the deprived and under-privileged peoples of this world.
We remember all who seek to bring peace and unity to communities and nations. In Jesus
name we pray. AMEN

Psalm 17

Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

A Prayer of David.
Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.
They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
They track me down; now they surround me;
they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.

Luke 9:46-50

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.

John answered, 'Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.' But Jesus said to him, 'Do not stop him; for whoever is not against you is for you.'

Reflection

Striving for power and to be the greatest and best is a part of our society in this day and age. The need for power can pull us away from Jesus and his teachings. In today's reading, Jesus is disturbed that his disciples are so concerned about who is the greatest among them, which could be translated as the one who "has the most power." Jesus does not directly confront his disciples. Rather he brings a child into their midst and says to them: "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me also receives the One who sent me." Jesus then continues: "The one who is least among you is the one who is the greatest."

Today may be a good time to ask ourselves: Are we content with being among the least? Or do we strive for power or influence?.....

Can we be satisfied to be "one with the people" rather than a star or a leader? We also need to look at those people we meet who truly embody Jesus' call to be the "least" (in a healthy way). They can be a living example for us.....

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