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Good morning

As usual let's be still and quiet before we begin.....

Lord, we thank you that Jesus comes to us as a dear friend  
We thank you for the true friends around us who support us and help us.  
Guide us to be an equally good friend to others.  
Give us ears which hear, eyes which see and a heart which is open.  
In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

### **Psalm 90**

#### **God's Eternity and Human Frailty**

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.  
Lord, you have been our dwelling-place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust,  
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;  
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.

### **Luke 9:7-9**

#### **Herod's Perplexity**

Now Herod the ruler heard about all that had taken place, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the ancient prophets had arisen. Herod said, 'John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?' And he tried to see him.

#### **Reflection**

Herod is the central player in today's gospel and he couldn't understand who Jesus was. Most people didn't seem to know who he was either so there were various rumours about

Jesus.

The Gospel today shows us something very special - to simply know about somebody is very different from actually knowing them personally. Through the gift of grace we can know Jesus, and our prayer is our communication with a friend, not with an acquaintance. If you are blessed in having some close friends you then understand the difference. Recall then the words of Jesus, "I do not call you servants any longer...I have called you friends" (John 15:15). You are never alone when you return his offer of friendship. Remember this whenever you pray....Jesus your best friend is listening to you and with you in all that you do.....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