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Good morning and welcome

Let us take just a few moments to still our minds and bodies before we begin.....

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for you come to us in love and with blessings.
You are to met in all our encounters
with friends and with strangers.
You are all around us all the time in our world.
Help us to 'be' so that we may encounter you in all things and all people.
Slow us from the busy world to appreciate your many blessings.
In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

Psalm 33

The Greatness and Goodness of God

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
Sing to him a new song;
play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the LORD stands for ever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,

the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Luke 7:31-35

‘To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.”

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.’

Reflection

I wonder what Jesus would say about the people of today? Perhaps we need to ask ourselves: Do we see signs of Jesus’ presence and action in our lives? Most likely, the signs of his presence will not be miraculous or spectacular. However, that does not mean that Jesus is not with us. Perhaps we need to look at the small happenings in life, such as a beautiful sunrise, an unexpected call from a dear friend, a flower opening, just something simple but still a gift from Jesus. Or perhaps we are gifted with some unexpected time to simply “be.” If we choose to, we can see these happenings as simply a random occurrence. We are after all human beings - NOT human doings!!! Can we trust and believe that these happenings are a sign of Jesus’ presence with us. The challenge is to always be awake and alert for Jesus’ coming. If we are not looking for him and expecting him, we may completely miss the fact that he was right beside us. Today pray to keep our eyes, minds and hearts open. Jesus will appear! He is AMAZING - sometimes we just need to be still and look. Thank you Jesus. 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