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Good morning on this last day of September

Let us be still and quiet reflecting on the good things in our lives before we begin.....

Lord God, you have called us to know you, to love you and to proclaim you.
May we live this day in awareness of you, and in the power of the Spirit, tell of your love in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Psalm 88

Prayer for Help in Despondency

A Song. A Psalm of the Korahites. To the leader: according to Mahalath Leannoth. A Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite.

O LORD, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.

For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

Luke 9:57-end

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who

puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Reflection

Follow me is a straight forward request from our Lord. However I must admit that when I read the reponses listing items to tie up in their homes first - I sympathise with them! I would want to say goodbye - so that my family weren't worrying. To bury or attend the funeral of a family member out of respect.

However Jesus wants us to follow him without question, to trust him, to love him and to proclaim his word in all faith. Jesus desires that his disciples - ourselves - be wholehearted in their commitment to him and his mission. Jesus desires to be first in our lives. Yes, we have family, children, friends and commitments. However, our primary commitment needs to be to Jesus. Most likely, this call is a great challenge for us. After all, our families and responsibilities are extremely important and rightly so. However, Jesus knows that if our primary commitment is to him, everything else in our lives will be in proper perspective.

This is all that Jesus asks of us! If we do so, most likely our day will be filled with graces. It is our choice!

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