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Good morning

Let us rest and wait for peace before we begin.....

Lord God, we often do not know where we are going
or what will happen next,
but we know that you are always with us
and that your love for us is infinite.
We know that you have counted the hairs on our head
And that you know us better than we know ourselves.
We rest in your infinite love and ask for your blessings on our lives
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.
Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Luke 12:1-7

Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered in thousands, so that they trampled on one another, he began to speak first to his disciples, 'Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.

'I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Reflection

Jesus uses the image of five sparrows that were sold for almost nothing. In Jesus' time, they simply were a product to buy. Jesus presents a different picture. He tells everyone that not one of the sparrows escapes God's attention. Wow... how can we even imagine this? Each sparrow is important; each sparrow is significant. Jesus tells everyone that each one of them is being watched over by a loving and caring God. This is so true.... I went for a walk to Cala Boquer yesterday - for no apparent reason but God's love was so obvious in the snakes, the grasshoppers, the geckoes, the sheep and the goats....as if our Lord was giving me a special demonstration of His love.

Jesus says to us today that each and every one of us is deeply significant to God. Do we believe that we are worth more than many sparrows? If today we are not able to believe this is true, may we pray for the grace to trust and believe that God loves us more than we can ever imagine!

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that,

according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, **what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. 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