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Good morning

Let's be still and quiet as we prepare for our prayers and readings.....

Loving God, we give thanks for all who reveal your love and care through dedicated lives.
We ask your blessing upon all those who work among the deprived peoples of the world.
We remember all who seek to bring peace and unity to communities and nations.
Help us all to do our part each day.
In Jesus name AMEN

Psalm 149

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

Luke 19: 41-44

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'if you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

Reflection

Jesus speaks here of people being surrounded by their enemies and of children being crushed on the ground. For many of us this may sound very alien coming from Jesus. However the reality of life in many countries today mirrors what Jesus is predicting. So many people in our world struggle to have food, shelter, and safety. Today there are far too many places in our world where children, women, and men are not safe. In our comfortable "little world," we take so much for granted! True, we don't have the power to change those situations. However, today each of us can consciously and deliberately strive to be people of peace, love, generosity and gratitude! This will have an impact on our world.....even if we don't "see" it! 'Every little helps' (as the advert used to say) and if we strive to do this, we also will be changed and in our own way we can make a difference!
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