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Good morning

Let us be still and wait on God.....

We give thanks for our daily bread
and for all of those who provide us with our food and shelter.
We pray for the farmers and the fishermen,
for those who work in our shops
and all who prepare food for us to eat. AMEN

Psalm 37: 3-5, 30-32

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom,
and their tongues speak justice.
The law of their God is in their hearts;
their steps do not slip.

The wicked watch for the righteous,
and seek to kill them.

Luke 17: 7-10

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

Reflection

I found this gospel a little difficult because it is not the way that I would behave. I would be the person inviting the slave to sit at the table and eat and thanking him for what he had done.....

In fact I felt a bit deflated by this Gospel, I have got its message! I can easily focus on my virtue, my good deeds, my generosity in forgiving others, my care for the vulnerable, and so on. Instead I must see that **God gives me the ability to do all these things.** There is absolutely nothing for me to boast about. I pray: 'Dear Lord, you didn't spend your time boasting about all you did and all you suffered. You were like a slave, serving us all, washing our feet, dying for us. Make me a bit more like you in your humility and self-forgetfulness.' 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