

Reflection Monday Week 26 – 2020

How many of us, if we lose absolutely everything, could say like Job, *'Naked I came from my mother's womb, naked I shall return. The Lord gave, the Lord has taken back. Blessed be the name of the Lord!'* And still not sin or blame God for the tragic misfortune?? Yet Creation which we have plundered and abused for centuries is still ready to recreate itself and heal the harm we have done if we would only help it do so. That power to heal without recrimination lies within us too. Just as all would benefit from helping heal creation, the same would happen when we forgive others who have hurt us. All will benefit, not just the person we forgive. In fact, if creation is anything to go by, we benefit more from forgiving others than they do. Once again, we see the wisdom of Jesus' teaching. Jesus also says we should not spend our lives comparing ourselves with others. We know that each of us is unique in God's eyes. God recognises our uniqueness. Jesus' wisdom implies that we should search for the goodness and riches in the lives of others and be inspired by them not try to see fit them into our boxes. There is too much goodness in the lives of others to have time to nit-pick and find faults. Look for the goodness in others and the sun will always shine even on the darkest and wettest of days.

Generous, gracious, Creator God, we thank you for bursting into our lives and drawing us together in hope and promise. In your wisdom you have challenged us to work with you in creative, responsible ways to nurture the unfolding of the universe. Your extravagant Love inspires us. We praise and stand in awe of your magnificent glory in creation and for the interconnectedness of the universe – from molten rocks to butterfly wings, from dinosaurs to birds, from baby cries to symphonies, from the first explosion of gases to the air we breathe – the very same air that Jesus breathed. We see your glory in sunshine and rain, moonlight and wind, as we travel the road. Our beautiful countryside holds deep in its stones ... wells ... ruins ... fires ... and crosses... deep eternal truths which have touched us and called to our souls. We pray that your never-ending stream of grace may flow over us like healing water and shape our lives. The yearning in our hearts has grown and been strengthened by the continuous, abundant, outpouring of your Spirit manifested in so many wonderful and diverse ways. Our yearning, our longing, our living will always be restless until we rest in the infinite presence of **God!** *(Adapted prayer)*

Thoughts for the day

- The sun doesn't have to go to college because it already has 28 million degrees. . . .
- The first humans spent many hours seeing what the sun did in the sky then they decided to call it a **DAY!!!!**