

## Reflection Tuesday Week 23 – 2021

Before any important decision, Jesus spent a long time in prayer alone, seeking the guidance of his Father and the Holy Spirit. He chose followers from the beginning to work with him and in his name. People came to him because they felt valued and affirmed by his words. They were reassured that God the Father truly loved them.

In seeking to heal the harm we have done to our planet, we need to spend time in prayer, alone and together, to seek the guidance of the Father and the Holy Spirit on how best to heal the earth. If we do this with sincerity, maybe we will realise how much the earth loves us, for it was created by a loving God. We might learn how the earth wishes to care for us because it was created by a caring God. We might discover its desire to bring us life since God created the earth to give us life.

May the blessing of light be on you - light without and light within.

May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,  
so that stranger and friend may come and warm themselves at it.

And may light shine out of your two eyes,  
like a candle set in the window of a house,  
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.

And may the blessing of the rain be on you,  
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,  
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,  
and sometimes a star.

And may the blessing of the earth be on you,  
soft under your feet as you pass along the road,  
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of day;  
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.

May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly;  
up and off and on its way to God.

And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.

**Little Robert** asked his mother for twenty pence. *"What did you do with the money I gave you yesterday?"*

*"I gave it to a poor old woman,"* he answered.

*"You're a good boy,"* said his mother proudly. *"Here's twenty pence more. Why are you so interested in the old woman?"*

*"She's the one who sells the sweets!!"*