

Reflection Wednesday Week 22 – 2023

What St Paul writes to the Church in Colossa I would also want to write to you, the Church in Hitchin, because I, too, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to give thanks for you to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you show towards all the saints because of the hope which is stored up for you in heaven. The Good News that you have received and welcomed into your lives has spread across the world and produced similar results as it has among you, ever since the day you welcomed God's grace and understood how much it has inspired, motivated, helped and sustained you.

The best way for God's grace to work as you know is through prayer. Jesus often went off to pray alone with the Father. Like us he needed the Father's guidance and help to be sure he was fulfilling his Father's will and not his own; to avoid being glorified by the people or put on a pedestal or thought only to be a wonder worker. This is why he never stayed long in one place.

Macrina Wiederkehr writes:

*For your prayer
your journey into God,
may you be given a small storm
a little hurricane
named after you, persistent enough
to get your attention
violent enough
to take you to new depths
strong enough
to shake you to the roots
majestic enough to remind you of your origin:
made of the earth
yet steeped in eternity
frail human dust
yet soaked with infinity.*