

Thanksgiving

All of us who have contributed our Meditation over the past months have been blessed with the ideas, knowledge and life stories to share with others. It is very gratifying to have others let you know that they have enjoyed and been helped by what you have written. I know that during this time, I have struggled with ideas to decide the subject of my thoughts. Not this time. Thankfulness has hit me so many ways this week.

Let us start with the shower. Does anyone else start the day with singing? The shower is a very safe place to raise your voice where only God can hear you. This morning all the hymns and songs (not always word perfect) contained words of thankfulness.

“Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father”” Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.....” and the old Harvest Festival hymn where we thank God for all that is gathered in. That made me think of the church celebrations, Harvest Festival in England, Thanksgiving in Canada and USA, where we collectively thank God for His bounty.

“Sing praise to the Lord you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His Holy Name” Psalm 30 v4.

I was given a daily devotional book in 2013 by a very dear Christian friend. Some of you may also possess this book. It is entitled “Jesus Calling” by Sara Young. The narrative is in the form of Jesus speaking directly. It became one of my lifelines last year whilst going through my chemo treatments. Guess what today’s subject was?

“Bring me the gift of thanksgiving, which opens your heart to rich communion with Me. Because I am God, from whom all blessings flow, thankfulness is the best way to draw near to Me, sing praise songs to Me, tell of My wondrous works”

“This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it” Psalm 118 v24

“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms”.
Psalm 95 v2

“The Lord God is with you; he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing” Zephania 3 v17.

Have you ever thought that it is impossible to remember everything we all have, and to give thanks to God? Here are just a few of mine this week.

The rain of last night and this morning which all the earth needs.

The unexpected visit by our daughter on Fathers Day, which filled our hearts with joy. (a six-hour drive here and back on the same day)

Good news of a dear granddaughter’s success in her exams.

A keep in touch phone call with an old neighbour.

The news on the media that more and more people are vaccinated, keeping everyone much safer.

I think my heart overflows with thankfulness to the Lord our God.

I only hope that all of us are like the one leper who returned to Jesus after He healed him. The leper threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. Jesus asked "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Luke 17 v14-19

Let us never be among the other nine!

We will follow the words of the Psalmist. "O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever" Ps 30 v12

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