

Thank you David for this supportive email. I think we're all finding verses and a sense of peace through our prayer time. As I shared before last Friday, when listing who and what we wanted to focus our prayers on, I said to my daughter, it's covering the whole world. Her reply, let's say the Lord's Prayer together - when we finished that, we both knew it had covered everyone and everything on our list.

During the period when I looked after my late husband, I prayed daily for healing for him. I knew nothing is too difficult for Him.

However, I always added, but Your will not mine be done. It became harder to say that as the time drew closer and closer to John's death, but I knew it was the right thing to pray - I don't order the Lord around, He asks me to follow Him and I have always known His voice since then as it calms my soul and I have peace.

I pray that for all who are so very anxious at this time. We are in God's hands and I think there's nowhere better to be and the thought of moving off in another direction is a thought I tell to go away!

Much love to you all - how grateful I am to all those who are working hard to share in a healthy way, prayers, scriptures, the Moderator's wee sermon for the day. Well done C of S and as someone commented on their site, brings a new meaning to Church without walls. We are one of a small number of countries that allows and supports religious freedom. We, as Christians have had it easy and I remember when we lived in London where every faith was celebrated in the schools there, I was shocked that RE lessons were not to include Christ. We could talk about the OT and the key passages there, but Christ was the name we were never to say.

Maybe we are all facing challenges to our laissez-faire attitude in that we can do what we want, don't need to be humble before our God, and out of this period, we may well have lost friends, family, neighbours. It has reached Bute so we can't say our rural or remote rural life is all the safety net we need, but in the words of an old hymn - Safe in the arms of Jesus

Safe in the arms of Jesus
Safe on His gentle breast
There by His love overshadowed
Sweetly my soul shall rest

Hark tis the voice of angels
Borne in a song to me
Over the fields of glory
Over the crystal see

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Safe in the arms of Jesus
Safe from corroding care
Safe from the world's temptations,
Sin cannot harm me there
Free from the blight of sorrow
Free from my doubts and fears
Only a few more trials
Only a few more tears.

Jesus my heart's dear refuge
Jesus has died for me
Firm on the Rock of Ages
Ever my trust shall be
Here let me wait with patience
Wait till the night is o'er
Wait till I see the morning
Break on the golden shore,

I am hoping to be able to 'attend' a Communion Service on Sunday as my Baptist leanings has inbred a want of this on a weekly basis. I'm sad we only hold that service quarterly.

Lean not on your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Verse from Proverbs and my favourite verse as it directs me to trust His ways and thoughts and I would be daft not to?

Much love to all my Xn brothers and sisters - may we expunge all criticism from our thoughts, all pride from thinking we know more or better than others and instead ask God to give us His love for one another. All my efforts on my own could not achieve that.

Catherine xxxxxooooo(non contagious hugs and kisses) - must say I do miss that.