

Dear Friend

Just a couple of quotes today.

A recent "This Day's Thought" had a highly appropriate quote for this time of lockdown:

I do not know when I have had happier times in my soul, than when I have been sitting at work, with nothing before me but a candle and a white cloth, and hearing no sound but that of my own breath, with God in my soul and heaven in my eye...I rejoice in being exactly what I am,—a creature capable of loving God, and who, as long as God lives, must be happy. I get up and look for a while out of the window, and gaze at the moon and stars, the work of an Almighty hand. I think of the grandeur of the universe, and then sit down, and think myself one of the happiest beings in it.

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This presents us with a call to know ourselves as the most blessed people on earth - to be happy as we have the capacity to love and be loved as children of God. A call to focus on 'being' rather than 'doing'.

And another "This Day's Thought"

It is not our trust that keeps us, but the God in whom we trust who keeps us.

Oswald Chambers

As Ramadan begins many of our Muslim friends will be earnestly and sincerely seeking God in this holy month of fasting. Let us commit ourselves to praying for them that they may know the promise that all who seek will find and to all who knock the door will be opened to them (Matthew 7.7).

Verses for today:

Blessed are those
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
Blessed are those
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Psalm 32.1-2



An Easter joke:



A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the Vicar was standing at the door to shake hands. He took my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Vicar said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Vicar." The Vicar said, "Why don't I see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

May you stay safe and blessed in the presence of the Lord today, unafraid to just be!

With much love and prayers

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