

Some thoughts for the Week Commencing Sunday 29th March

Remember what it means to have the Lord in your life

Having the Lord in your life means that you can have peace and comfort in your heart as you walk down any pathway your life has to offer, even if that pathway is only around the rooms of your house because you are in isolation.

It means you can pray to a caring and compassionate Father who always has the time to listen and who never fails to understand the hurts and fears that are dwelling in the depths of your soul.

Having the Lord in your life means having the assurance that nothing can come your way that you and He, united together, cannot deal with and ultimately overcome. Even though tears, hurts, scary and painful times have come and undoubtedly will continue to come, you can know that the Lord has His hand in everything, and things will always work out for your good.

It means that you can be assured, with no uncertainty, that you will be given the strength to endure anything that happens to you, and you will become a better and a stronger person.

Even though all of these blessings are crucial to our day-to-day existence on this earth, they are small compared to the promise of spending an eternity in His presence.

Therefore, what it means to have the Lord in your life is knowing the blessed hope of tomorrow and the glorious promise of heaven that has been prepared for us.

God's word for God's people

Jeremiah 29 : 11 - 14



This passage then continues

declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.

In these times when so much uncertainty exists, let us take comfort from the truth that everything, even the dire situation we find ourselves in today, is in God's hands and his plans for us His people are still plans for good. Let us pray that when we get to the end of all this we will be a stronger, more caring, more compassionate people, the people that God wants us to be.

Prayers

Dear Lord, so much has happened in just one week.

We confess that we are worried, we don't like uncertainty, we are unsettled because we are not in control.

Remind us today that you are still in control. Help us to cast all our anxiety on you, trusting that you do love and care for us and are with us in these times.

Even though we do not see you, we know you are with us.

In these days when we cannot see the family and friends that we love dearly, enable us to do those things that we can still do to assure them that we like God are still there for them. In phone calls, text

messages, emails and letters let friends, family and stranger know that God's people are here, they are praying

Finally let us pray for all those 'key' workers who are working flat out in our hospitals, care homes, supermarkets, pharmacies, the drivers keeping supplies on the move and the researchers seeking a vaccine to stem the virus. We give thanks for all these people who are allowing life to go on in our country. But let us not forget those places where these services are limited or even non-existent and where so many more are in grave danger.

Hear our prayers O Lord.

AMEN