

Prayer
Social Justice Reflection

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Prayer



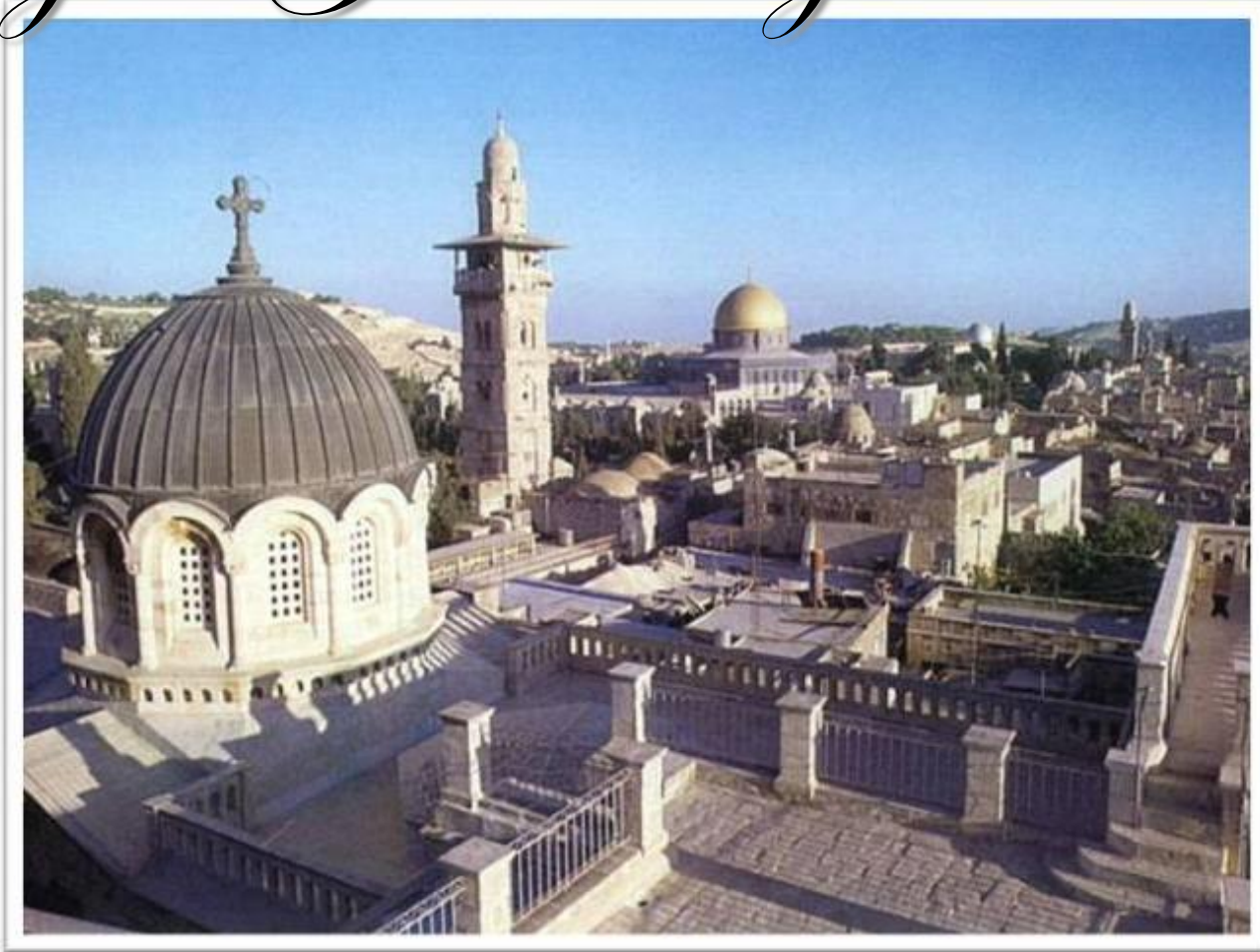
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*We cannot summarise the
infinite nature of God with
human language...*

*for God is everything that is
beautiful and true.*



*Therefore, it is important to
give God many titles...*

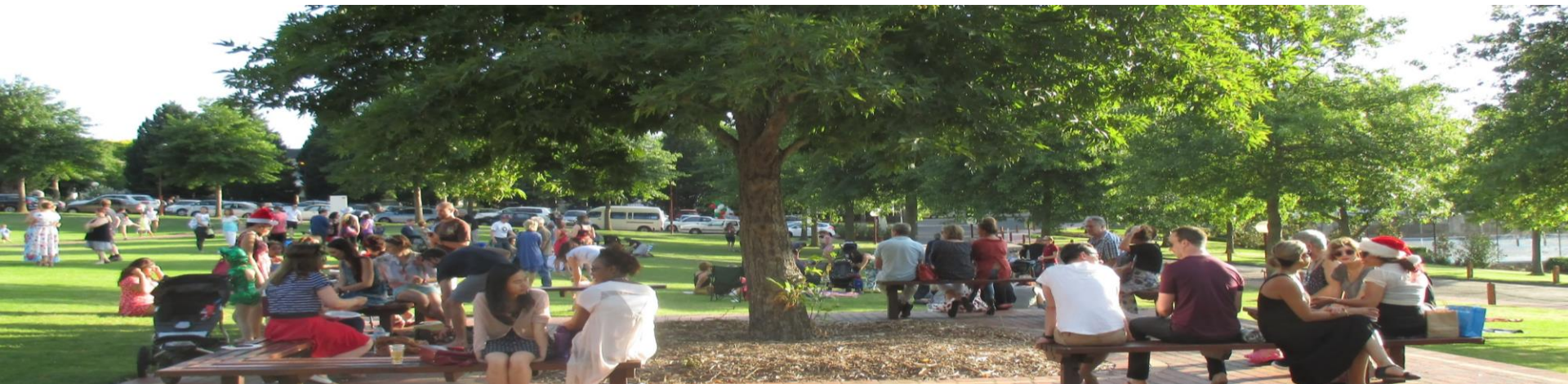


*through which we contemplate the
reality of God's presence in our
world...*

A QUIET MOMENT

... and in our lives

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*And so, let us remember
that we are in the holy
presence of our God...*

St. Francis of Assisi - 13th century

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to
console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

- Amen.



God of Day & God of Darkness

(Marty Haugen Anthology I. 1985-1989.)



God of Day & God of Darkness

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night. As the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright. All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might. When the Sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor. Still the earth is bruised and broken by the ones who still want more. Come and wake us from our sleeping, so our hearts cannot ignore all your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.



Kids do not belong in detention

**Show us Christ in one another. Make us
servants strong and true. Give us all your love
of justice, so we do what you would do. Let us
call all people holy. Let us pledge our lives
anew. Make us one with all the lowly. Let us
all be one in you.**

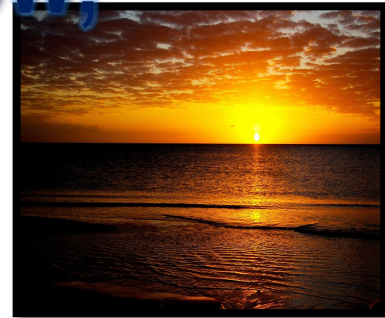
You shall be the path that
guides us; you the light that in
us burns. Shining deep within all
people, yours the love that we
must learn. For our hearts shall
wander restless 'til they safe to
you return. Finding you in one
another, we shall all your face
discern.



Gentle Father, Loving Mother,
Jesus: brother, saviour, friend.

Spirit of all grace and power,
may we praise you without end.

Grant us all a peaceful resting,
let each mind and body mend,
so we rise refreshed tomorrow,
hearts renewed to your
kingdom tend.





Creator God:

No one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care.

In your kindness, watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost and those who have left or run away from home.



**Bring them safely to
the place they long
to be and help us
always to show
your kindness to
strangers and to
those in need.**

**Grant this through
Christ our Risen
Lord. Amen.**



Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Jesus said: “I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them.

And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.

The gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Be a light in the darkness.



If we remain silent,
who will rise up?

If we close our eyes
and turn our heads,
who will see the injustice?



If we wring our hands
and shuffle our feet,
who will act with mercy?





What if we were called
for such a time as this,
to see through different eyes
and move to a different drum?

Together, let us pray...

Father, give us your strength,
at such a time as this,
to lead distinctive lives,
and see your Kingdom come.



**May each of us have the
courage, the strength and the
resolve to make a difference in
the lives of those who need our
love, our help and our support.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

