

St James News: Thought for the Day – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Thought for the Day: Faith**

[Look at the photo below...](#) All those rows of empty chairs – what prayer do the hands represent?



*If you cannot see the photo above, then it is also attached*

[Wait in silence for a moment...](#) with prayerful expectation, pray, 'Come Holy Spirit, Thy Kingdom Come'

**Read...** Allow the bible verse to enliven your heart, stir your soul and spark your imagination.

Matthew 7: 7-11

[Jesus said,] 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!'

**Listen...** Ask, search, knock, expect a door to be opened.

**Respond... with prayer**

Oh God of invitation, as we stand at the door, as we ask the hard questions, as we search you out, may we sense you already at work preparing a feast of answers, drawing us over the threshold and satisfying all our hungers. Amen.

**Something to think about...** Where has God made himself known unexpectedly during these unusual months? Make a note so that you don't forget.

**A song to end...** O Lord hear my prayer (Taize chant) you can listen to it here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZ9ycGq1pW4>

O Lord hear my prayer

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When I call, answer me

O Lord hear my prayer

O lord hear my prayer

Come and listen to me.