

St James News: Thought for the day – Monday 27th July 2020

Women of Prayer 2 – Revd John Marshall

I would like to share some more prayers from the Women of Prayer compiled by Dorothy M Stewart

Searching

Here I am, O Lord in search of myself,
that I may find life's meaning and purpose
for me in my age and circumstances.

Lord show me myself.

Here I am, O Lord, in search of my neighbours
through their needs, frustrations and hope
Lord, show me my neighbours.

Here I am. O Lord, in search of You,
As I search for myself and my neighbours
Lord show me Yourself.
(Women of Jamaica)

A light in the darkness

Holy Spirit mighty wind of God
inhabit our darkness
brood over our abyss
and speak to our chaos,

that we may breathe with your life
and share your creation
in the power of Jesus Christ
Amen
(Janet Morley)

Asking for strength

Lord, I am tired and afraid
Yes, Lord, I know my charge is simple,
to love and serve you,
to keep the faith
to spread your loving kindness.
Lord give me the strength
to continue in your service.
(Sybil Phoenix)

A candle in my heart

O great Chief,
Light a candle within my heart
that I may see what is therein,
and sweep the rubbish from your dwelling place.
(An African girl)

In the chapel at Wychcroft Retreat House where I did my training for ordination, when I wasn't at John Marshall house; there, was the great icon or picture of Christ the Worker or carpenter, which was a great encouragement to us all.

This prayer from D Helen Stone reminds me of it.

Working together with God

Christ the Workman, make me holy

Christ the Saviour, make me true,

Make of me a thing of beauty.

Show me how to labour too.

Fellow-worker would I be

Ever, blessed Lord with Thee.