

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 12th January 2024

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Rain

This book came out 10 years ago - a meditation a day for Lent and Easter but as I usually get the books to read after John has read them I'm not always in the right season of the Churches year. I'm also currently reading an Advent book passed to me on Boxing Day. After the weather we have been experiencing throughout the country I thought this meditation was apt.

Rain

As the raindrops drum against the window pane
and drill on the tiles,
we give thanks for precipitation falling as drizzle
or in storms
to water the earth,
feeding, refreshing by day and by night.

We pray for all who live in dry
and drought-affected places;
for people living with dust and desiccation.

We pray for those who are deluged;
we think of those who are constantly damp.
We pray for those in danger of flood or coping with its aftermath.
We pray for those living with the difficulty of frozen water, burst pipes,
slippery paths, broken gutters.

We pray for good, wetting, watery rain wherever it is needed by humankind.
And we pray for the gratitude that informs our
attitude and makes us good stewards of your life- giving
earth- shaping,
planet- defining,
indispensable gift of water.

We thank you for this day of rain;
let it's rhythm help our alleluia to dance.

- Barefoot Prayers by Stephen Cherry SPCK publishing