

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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It's been a big week in the world of politics. Behind many of the complex issues that are argued about and sometimes done badly, are vulnerable people who are powerless and who feel increasingly afraid by the rhetoric used in connection with their issues. Let us be mindful of them, pray for them, and show our support and concern for them when we can.

Let us remember Jesus, who said that:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim **good news to the poor.**

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free...

- Luke 4:18

### **PRAYER:**

Let us also pray for those in positions of leadership in this country and the nations we are connected to,  
Recognising the complexities of the issues they have to grapple with,  
Open the eyes of their hearts,  
That they may find guidance and wisdom to make good decisions for the poor, the oppressed and the unjustly imprisoned,  
And in all of this, that they will speak well, with thoughtfulness,  
Mindful that their words have power to encourage or to demoralise the spirits of the most vulnerable.

In the name of Jesus, born to us in helplessness and vulnerability,  
Subject to fear and flight by those in leadership,  
Who spoke truth to power.

Amen.