

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 29th September 2023

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Hidden Treasures

I came across this prayer a few weeks ago, by Rachel Larkinson, and thought it was something good to reflect on, for our selves and for others going through hard times. There has been a lot of horrific, sad, toxic and difficult things, it seems, in the news recently. It is so important to remember that God is close to us, in person, and through the love, selflessness and kindness of others.

"When darkness fills our horizons, help us to remember what Jesus taught about the hidden treasures of God's love – how a traveller to Jericho, left beaten unconscious by the roadside, was unexpectedly rescued by a marginalised stranger; how a son who had ruined his life was welcomed home through a parent's unconditional love; and how a sheep, lost on a lonely hillside, was brought to safety by the faithful care of the shepherd. So may we, whatever our needs, find help and support – sometimes where we least expect – and when human resources fail, discover the riches of God's grace and the depth of his love, holding us safe forever. Amen."

- Rachel Larkinson, supernumerary presbyter, Kennet and Test Valley Circuit

BIBLE VERSE:

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"

- Philippians 4:4-7