

Thought for the Day – Friday 21st May 2021

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One of Maggie's favourite prayer exercises in school and church was to encourage people to say the Lord's Prayer in their own language especially around Pentecost.

Paula Gooder had the same idea.

"One of my favourite experiences is being in a service in which people all say the Lord's Prayer in their own language. Of course, this only works if there are enough nationalities represented, having only two or three languages just sounds a little odd. I used to teach at a college in which there were people from many, many nationalities and what struck me every time we did this was that although you might expect this to be an occasion in which differences came to the fore, it felt quite the opposite and was an experience of incredible unity and harmony. The experience of praying the same prayer, to the same God, in languages from all around the world brought us closer together as the family of God on earth."

Paula Gooder This Risen Existence Canterbury Press.

The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to communicate freely the love of God, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is great when we can be united in prayer.