

Thought for the day – Tuesday 25th May 2021

Revd John Marshall

Rage and Hope (2) 75 Prayers for a Better World

This year Christian Aid is celebrating its 75th birthday.

They have published 75 prayers.

The book is dedicated to the communities around the world with whom Christian Aid has stood together for dignity, equality and justice for 75 years.

The Venerable Dr Rosemarie Mallett writes of her life and experience of racism and racial justice and visiting around the world.

“And it grieved me so. To remember that these places and spaces held my kin – deemed chattels. To remember the ignominy meted out then and now, history taking and bringing me to the long past and the still yet to come.

To remember our history, we lament, we wail.”

Her prayer is responsive

Loving God, You have created all things

And by your will they have their being

We rage at a system that teaches and treats black people as if they are not made in the image of God and created equal.

We seek redress for the years of torment and trauma of being othered.

We repent of a system that still demands black people justify their place in every space.

We pray for your liberating kingdom and kin-dom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

The light of the Lord has come, the glory of the Lord is rising.

Lord, shine and arise within us, as we rise, we rise.

Amen.

- Rage and Hope SPCK Christian Aid.

Rosemarie is the Archdeacon of Croydon, in our Diocese.