

Thought for the day – Tuesday 6th July 2021

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More Dinka prayers

This is an interesting collection of prayers; arranged alphabetically by author.

It has helpful indexes; so I found these prayers from the Dinka people of South Sudan by opening the book.

Robert says they are predominantly Christian but have incorporated their traditional prayers to the one God.

At this time of pandemic -- this may be a prayer we could think of using.

For Mercy

Lord you have turned your back on us,
Our words and deeds have made you angry,
So our cattle die of hunger
And our children die of disease.

We are frightened that we shall all die,
We know that you rule over life and death,
Show us what we must do to please you,
Take away your anger, and have mercy.

Dying Words

There are men who hate me,
Let me love them.
There are men I have wronged,
Let them forgive me.

- The Fount Book of Prayer Harper Collins

These prayers remind me of the Psalms.

When we feel like this, perhaps we can remember the words of John 3.16.