

Thought for the day – Thursday 15th July 2021

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Huub Oosterhuis Fount book of prayer

I hadn't heard of Huub Oosterhuis, I liked his prayers.

Huus had a student ministry in Amsterdam as a Jesuit priest. In "Your word is near" he expresses through prayer his conviction that God is active in every sphere of human life, and that the task of the Christian community is to be open and sensitive to this divine action.

You wait for us

You wait for us

until we are open to you.

We wait for your word

to make us receptive.

Attune us to your voice

to your silence,

speak and bring your son to us –

Jesus, the word of your peace.

Your word is near,

O Lord our God,

your grace is near.

Come to us, then;

with mildness and power.

Do not let us be deaf to you,

but make us receptive and open

to Jesus Christ your Son,

who will come to look for us and save us

today and every day

for ever and ever.

You are no stranger

How many times, God, have we been told
that you are no stranger,
remote from those who call upon you
in prayer!

O let us see, God,
and know in our lives now
that these words are true.

Give us faith
and give us the joy
of recognising your Son,
Jesus Christ,
Saviour, in our midst.

Make us receptive and open
and may we accept your kingdom
like children taking bread
from the hands of their father.

Let us live in your peace
at home with you,
all the days of our lives.

The Fount book of Prayer ed. Robert Van de Weyer Harper Collins.

May God bless us in our homes.