Thought for the day – Thursday 30th September 2021

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I would like to share three prayers, one from mother Teresa, one from the women of Jamaica and one from Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and, by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta.(adapted)

Lord show us where there is loneliness

that we may take friendship.

Show us where individuals are not seen as persons

that we may acknowledge their identity.

Show us where there is alienation,

that we may take reconciliation.

Women of Jamaica (adapted)

Bless our beautiful land, O Lord, with its wonderful variety of peples, of races, cultures and languages. May we be a nation of laughter and joy, of justice and reconciliation, of peace and unity, of compassion, caring and sharing. We pray this prayer for a true patriotism in the powerful name of Jesus our Lord. Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

What should we pray for our neighbours?