

## Thought for the day – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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### Martin Luther

We remembered Martin Luther at the end of October. I think we shared a couple of his prayers. I also saw a nice picture of him playing the lute to his family, of course I saw in on Jigsaw Planet. The quotes come from the Oxford Book of Prayers.

#### A Child's Prayer

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Make thee abed, soft undefined,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for thee.

- Martin Luther 1483-1546

Behold , Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith, strengthen thou me. I am cold in love, warm me and make me fervent that my love May go out to my neighbour. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust thee. I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor ;thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner, thou art upright. With me there is an abundance of of sin in thee there is fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with thee of whom I can receive but to whom I may not give.

Amen

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Which of these prayers could you use? Would you pray differently?