

## **Thought for the day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

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### **Born of love and anger - Rage and Hope 8**

Michael Taylor led Christian Aid from 1985 to 1997.

He wrote this prayer on remembering a woman he met in a refugee camp, who seemed to have nothing. "She was steely and completely vulnerable at one and the same time. She came for me an icon of all that tugs at the heart and the conscience."

Bringer of good news to the poor

You said she was worth more to your Father than a sparrow

I remember she looked as thin as a bird

You said he counts every hair on our heads

I remember the few she had were wet with tears and rain

You said your Father will clothe us like the lilies of the field

I remember the rags that shielded her from nothing

You said we will all be fed and not to worry

I remember how she held her little one to her dry breast

You said the meek would inherit the earth

I remember she had lost even the little that she had

You promised magnificently to lift high those of low degree

but the world was still holding her down

You said the sad would be comforted

but there was no comfort to be had

You told the humble not to be afraid

I remember the fear in her eyes.

Help me to channel my anger at contradictions

into seeking with you and her

that earthly paradise of peace and plenty  
where contradictions are reconciled.

Lord I believe  
help thou my unbelief.

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