

Thought for the day – Thursday 21st April 2022

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A prayer for the parish

- Seasons of the Spirit St James' Church New York City

I have a long connection with St James' churches in Cambridge and Clapham so I liked this prayer from New York.

As we are coming to the APCM it may be appropriate.

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Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well

 pleased with ourselves,

When our dreams have come true because

 we dreamed too little,

When we arrive safely because we sailed too

 close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when the abundance

 of things we possess,

We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;

Having fallen in love with life, we have

 ceased to dream of eternity,

And in our efforts to build a new earth,

We have allowed our vision of the new

 Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,

To venture on wider seas, where storms will

show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land, we shall find
the stars.
We ask you to push back the horizons of
our hopes,
And to push us in the future in strength,
courage, hope and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain, who
is Jesus Christ.

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Seasons with the Spirit Christians Together in Britain and Ireland.

How should we pray?