

Thought for the day – Monday 12th April

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Stephen Cherry Thy will be done

In his Lent book Stephen goes through the Lord's Prayer in some detail. It is an interesting book and I learnt a lot from it.

In the last chapter Stephen reflects on the Amen.

"Amen – the word betokens collective agreement as well as personal assent. It is certainly a 'we' word, at least as much as it is an 'I' word. It means not only 'I agree' but also 'and so say all of us'.

Having explored the prayer in such detail and at such depth, it seems only fair to offer some kind of summary."

"Reader, I've rewritten it."

"Motherly, Father of us all,

we honour and worship your being

Your kin-dom come

Your will be done

at all times and in all places.

Give us each day the provisions we need.

Take away the guilt of our sin,

that we ourselves may be forgiving towards others.

Spare us any trials that would overwhelm us

And help us resist the power of the tempter.

For in you is true fulfilment, authentic power and absolute beauty".

Stephen wonders if we can add our own Amen.

How do we use the Lord's Prayer?

I am grateful for this prayer of Jesus.

How would you write it?

- Stephen Cherry Thy will be done Bloomsbury