

**Thought for the day – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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**Shore to Shore Prayer – Fatigue**

The shouts are too loud.  
They so often deafen my ears  
War, famine, destruction, death ---  
the sufferings of the world glide past my soul.  
I have heard too much to care.

But then you, O God,  
you stand in the midst of the world's woe,  
and shapes of those who suffer are no longer faceless,  
for you have bequeathed to them your own face,  
And I shall proclaim: 'I had heard but now I see.'

The people are too many.  
They blur together in my imagination.  
Races, colours, faiths and languages –  
their shifting kaleidoscope dazzles my vision  
I am made giddy by their infinite variety.

But then you, O God,  
you are the still point around which all revolves,  
in you both light and shadow find an equilibrium,  
you paint into life our many peopled world,  
your love refracts us into a rainbow of hope.  
And I shall proclaim! 'I had heard but now I see.'

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I found this prayer helpful. How do we pray when we read or see the news?

I wasn't good at Physics, but I liked playing with prisms to make rainbows. We have a small collection of kaleidoscopes.