

**Thought for the day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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**Prayers from You made us to be free 3 (CMS)**

The most Rev and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu

God our Father, whose only Son became a captive and gave his life to set us free from all that divides us from you and from one another: we thank you for the dedication and zeal of those who worked and prayed that none may enslave their brothers and sisters.

By the power of your Spirit help us to witness to your liberating love made known in our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The most Rev and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams

Loving God, you made us to be free like you --- free to love, to plan, to create; but we make slaves of ourselves and of each other. We tie ourselves to habits of greed, suspicion and contempt, we force others to play parts we make up for them; we keep others throughout the world in poverty and misery by our lack of concern and compassion.

We give you thanks that you set us free from our bondage to selfishness by the gift of Christ your Son, and we give you thanks for all who have led free and faithful lives and whose active love has set many others free in spirit and body. Make us true servants of freedom and true witnesses to your liberating power, because where your Spirit is, there is freedom. For Jesus sake . Amen