



Prayers for the week – Living water

Monday 14th March



Lord ,

As we begin this new week, ,
forgive us for the times when we
have harmed the earth and others.
Help us to make a change for the
good of all people. May the spirit
of transformation we can show
during Lent spread throughout the
earth from the greatest to the
least.

St Joseph – Pray for us

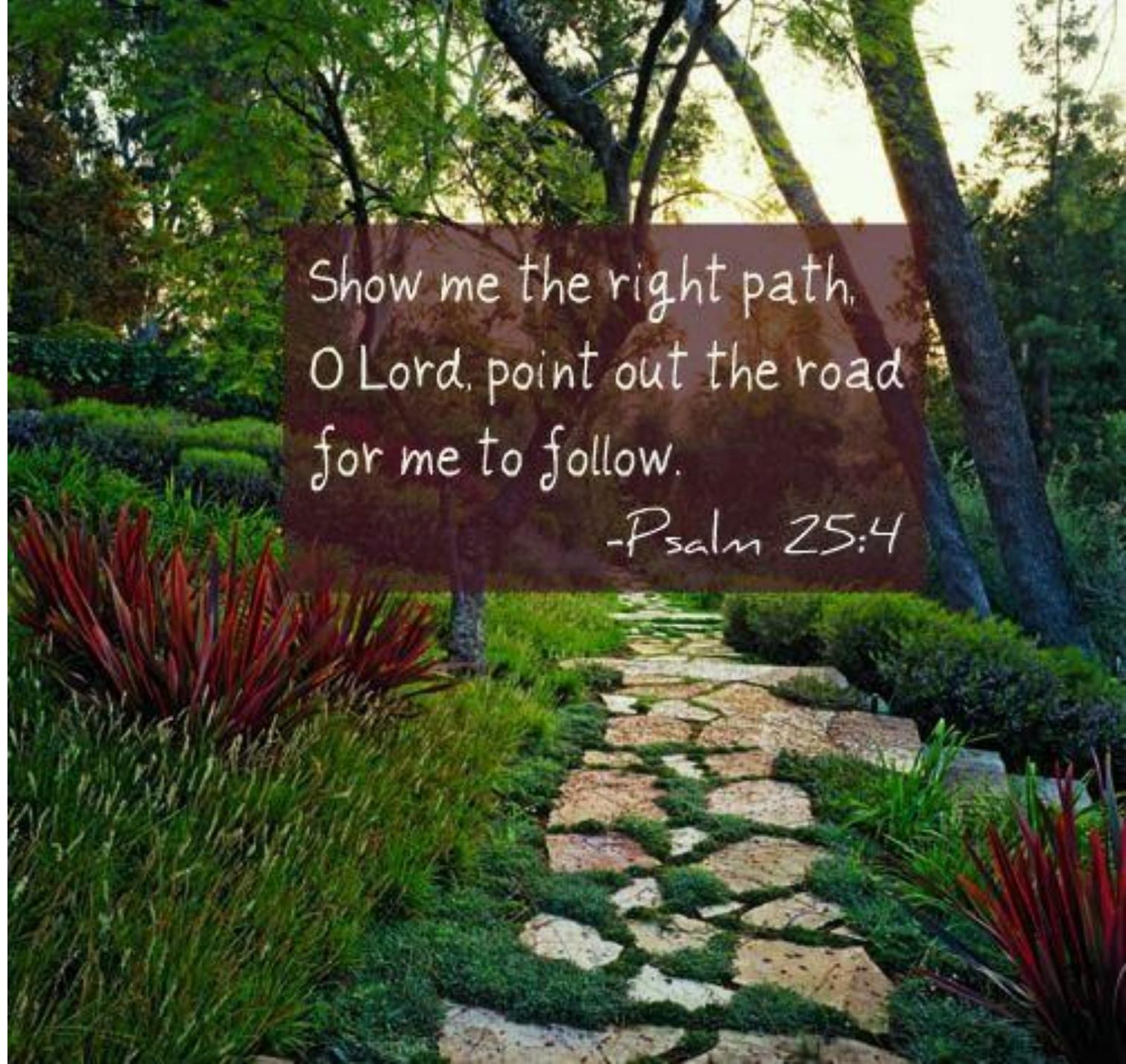


Tuesday 15th March

Lord

You draw a path for our lives that is beautiful, happy and rich. It's not always easy, but it is always worthwhile. Help us to keep to that path and to be strong in resisting the paths offered by the world.

St Joseph – Pray for us





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Wednesday 15th March

Lord

You gave us life and you continue to give us things to make that life the best that it can be. Help us to be fed by the things you offer us and help us to use them to be the amazing people you created us to be.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Thursday 16th March

May God give wisdom and courage
to those who work for peace.

We pray that their efforts may be blessed,
that they may bring an end to violence
and solace and stability to suffering peoples.

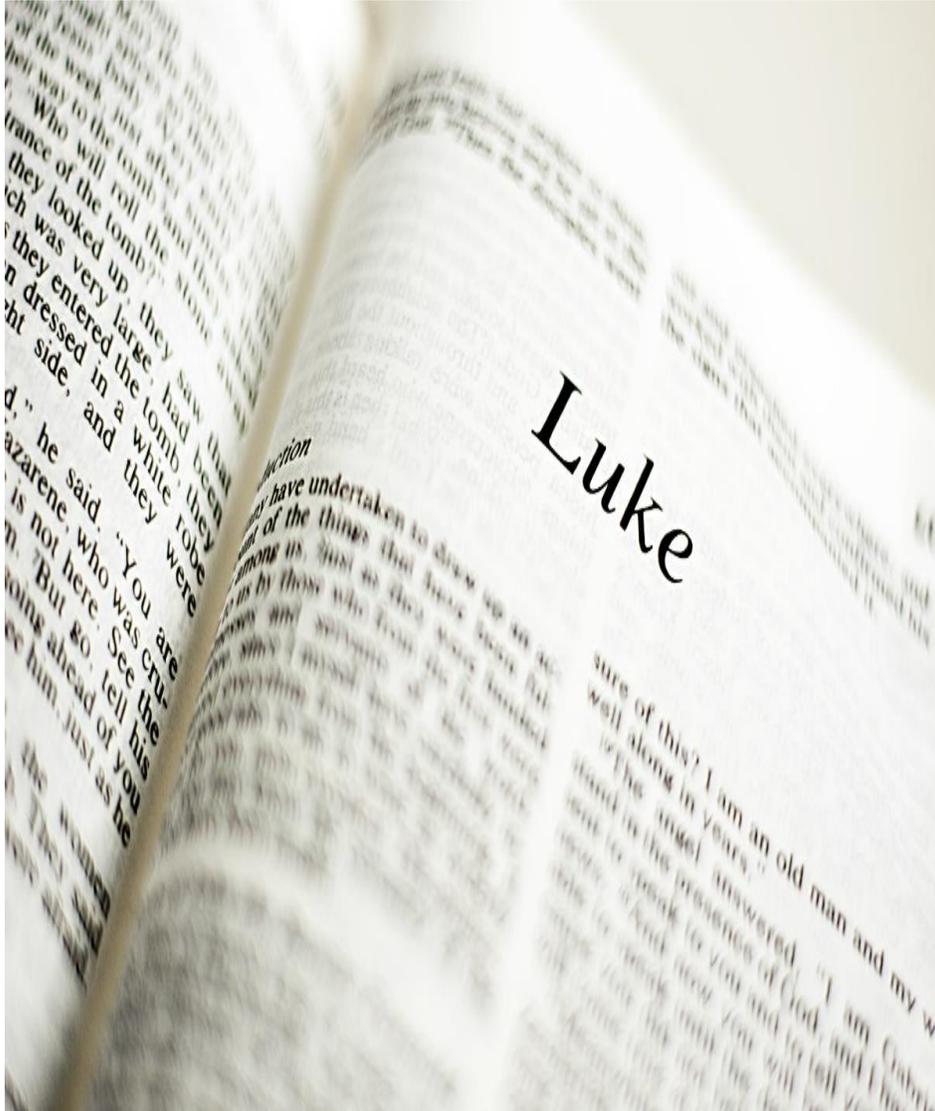
May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls,
convert all who live by violence
and comfort all children who live in menacing situations,
that the freedom to enjoy life and grow in safety may be theirs.

And may each one of us know
peace of mind and heart,
peace of body and spirit,
peace of community and world.

Amen



Friday reflection



1 It was just about this time that some people arrived and told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them,

2 'Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than any others, that this should have happened to them?

3 They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell, killing them all? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem?

5 They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

6 He told this parable, 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none.

7 He said to his vinedresser, "For three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"

8 "Sir," the man replied, "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it:

9 it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down." '



Have you ever attempted to grow something, maybe a plant? Maybe you were asked to water something for somebody and eventually the flowers or plant died as you never got round to it.

. Now this is what happens with the fig tree in this parable. If it doesn't receive support on the care, then it will wither and die, never fulfilling its potential.

We are all given gifts from God as we understand him. In order to let these gifts flower, we need to give them the opportunity and the conditions in which to grow.

We can do this, by our thoughts actions and words. Let's make sure by respecting caring for others, as Christ taught us to, not only will our gifts flourish but we will allow other peoples to as well.



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Final
thought.....

Whoever
believes in me

streams of living
water

will flow

from within him.

- John 7:38 -

