

Thought by Sarah

This is a picture of our plum tree, it is amazing how the flowers stand out at night. It is very inspirational; showing that the dark has not overcome everything. Stars in the sky shine showing that darkness has not won. At the end of this week Jesus went into Gethsemane at night, he has confronted the darkness for us.



God created the world, created each of us, we all matter to Him.

We hear of people having to make choices between life and death, those giving their chance to live to others.

Jesus lived as a human on earth so he understands what we go and is willing to stand beside us if we let him; which is why nothing is completely dark in our lives.

Love alone overcomes fear and is the true foundation that lasts (1 Corinthians 13:13).

God is in control, the universe witnesses to who God is.

Hymn Great is thy Faithfulness by Thomas Chisholm (1866–1960)

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided —

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

This hymn helps us realise that although things may seem dark there are patches of brightness, amidst all the worry, problems and fear there are people going the extra step.

The news often seems full of bad things but around us you can find people doing good things. Sometime we can get blinkered by all the awful things that happen. Toddlers have a lot to teach us. When you go for walk with them they take ages as they stop and stare at what is around them. Movement, animals, flowers all excite them. As we grow we loose that inner ability to be amazed at what is around us. So look at the world through the eyes of a child, see some of the magical things that exist. Then at the end of each day think of one good thing that has happened to you or something that you saw or heard that made your heart sing. Those are the things that will bring an inner sense of joy into your life.

WALK IN FAITH by Shelagh Dalton 26.10.96.

Magnificent is Your Creation, Your universe too

Mountains, forests, oceans blue

Lord, we thank You for it all -

From elephant to dove, so small

But Lord, watch us lest we step out of line

Speak with us in our Quiet Time.

Let our worries through You cease -

Each night grant us Your Peace.

By removing our sins with Your gentle touch

We thank You, Lord, for we love You so much '

"Seek My kingdom first, this you should do

All things from Me are a gift to you

Trust, do not fear, leave things to Me. -

I will care for you and your family

Talk in Faith, not by sight -

As you leave the darkness and come into My Light".

Prayer

Lord thank you that around each corner are wonders to be seen, open our eyes to see them, our ears to hear; help us bring a sense of joy into this world that spreads to those around so that fear is overcome and that we realise that all matter to you. We place into your hands those who are struggling at this time, whether because of physical, mental or spiritual problems. Help each of them find help and peace. Amen