

Reflection for the Week: October 4th – October 11th, 2020

On Sunday we heard from the Rt. Revd. Hugh McCurdy who came to talk to us about Kigali and the diocesan partnership with the churches in that place. He talked about the fact that in the countryside surrounding the city, many people earn a living from the small portion of land around their home or around the church. If they cannot farm they cannot eat. It really is a question of 'Lord, give us today our daily bread.'

'Give us this day our daily bread' is a line from the Lord's Prayer. It takes on a radical meaning if you live in a culture where you are literally working each day for enough to eat. Living for daily bread also reminds us to distinguish between needs and wants. Perhaps lockdown has made us all a little more discerning in this respect. However, it is easy to forget to acknowledge God as Provider in an affluent culture.

Reflect: This week, you could make a point of thanking God for:

- Providing all you have
- Promising to meet your needs
- The promise of God's blessing
- Specific answers to prayer

Pray to God about the things that concern you.

If you have specific needs, why not write them down and remember to note how God answers your prayers.

Many times people say to me that they do not feel God answers their prayers. The challenge is that when God does answer prayer it is often not in the way that we had imagined. We have to adjust ourselves to receive the answer!

God does answer needs, (e.g: the provision of bread and manna for the Israelites in the wilderness), but not wants; these two things can inadvertently become confused. Pray for the Christians in Kigali for whom the prayer 'Give us today our daily bread' is a matter of sleeping on a full or empty stomach.