

DIAKONIA Prayer Letter June 2023

„All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.” Ecclesiastes 1:7

This year I finally managed to take a holiday with 2 friends in the South of England and the Cornwall coast. Due to the Covid pandemic, births of grandchildren, weddings and other important events we had to postpone it several times. And now we are here and are overwhelmed with the wonderful nature, the rivers and the sea.

Why are we so fascinated again and again when we see rivers flowing and the rushing sea? The rhythm, the never ending, the archaic, recurring, reliable? Ebb and flow, coming in and going out reminds us of our lives. Some things come, then go again...Live goes on...

Prayer

God, thank you for the time out,

the quietness, the sun and the sea.

Thank you for our fellowship, for the conversations

and the laughter that makes us feel free.

Help us to take breaks and renew our energy,

even the sea is not always in flood.

Thank you for the sea, the rivers and streams,

Water for life.

And the anticipation and hope

that life is not meaningless,

to find our way back to you, back to ourselves

and to the rhythm of life.

Amen

To calm down at the sea, the wind helps to blow away cobwebs in our thoughts and minds, to see things clearly again. Or to find the answer to a question.

To be at the beach and look at the sea: like a prayer?

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