

October Prayer Letter

I write this prayer letter as I sit at the end of the DRAE conference in Neuendettelsau.

“HOPE IN A FRAGILE WORLD” was our theme.

Not a fragile mind, body, community or church-but **WORLD!**

I am always grateful for the opportunity to meet together with other brothers and sisters in this organisation.

It reminds me that I/We are part of something much bigger than ourselves but also even bigger the sum of our parts - The Kingdom of God.

Our problems dwell into insignificance in light of this context.

We look around and see that the grass is not always greener on the other side.

My friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:8-10

Here I offer a prayer used in our conference (borrowed from John Bell- Iona Community)

In you, gracious God,
the widowed find a carer,
the orphaned find a parent,
the fearful find a friend.

In you, the wounded find a healer,
the penitent find a pardoner,
the burdened find a counsellor.
In you, the miserly find a beggar,
the despondent find a laughtermaker,
the legalists find a rule breaker,
the prisoners find freedom.

In you, Jesus Christ,
we meet our Maker,
and our mach
and if some need today to say “help me”
and if some need to say “save me”
and if some need to say “hold me”
and if some need to say “forgive me”
then let these be said now,
in confidence,
by us.

O Christ in whose heart is both welcome and warning,
say to us,
do to us,
reveal within us the things that will make us whole.

And we will wait;
and we will praise you. **Amen**

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