

Prayer Letter Diakonia June 2024

Psalm 16,11

„You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.“

(NIV Translation)

Working as a Palliative Care Nurse in a Hospice my life, or better my outlook on life, has changed completely. Being surrounded almost every day by people who most likely only have days or weeks to live, changes the focus.

What is really important in life? Where does my strength come from? What and who gives me hope? A ray of sunshine through the curtains, a flower on the breakfast tray, a chocolate ladybug, a postcard, a floral greeting, the smell of cake in the oven, a song, the bed linen from home, a visit from your best friend. It's often the little things that bring joy, put a smile on your face, that crown the worst day.

Since then, I have been experiencing every day more consciously, enjoying the scent of the freshly mown lawn, the blooming of lavender on the balcony, which surprisingly has survived the winter after all. Make peace with the past, knowing that it's not the riches that matter in the end. To draw strength from God, the source of my life.

Prayer

God, thank you for the insight into what really matters.

Help me focus on the real treasures.

Thank you for not being alone, even if it feels that way sometimes.

Help me deal with my own grief.

Give me strength for my work, my family, my friends.

Thank you for the beautiful picture of growing and becoming in nature,
for the warmth after cold days and the light.

God, give to the world that seems so much more violent and hateful
insight, clarity and your peace.

Amen

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