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Offering spiritual care in later life

Meditation Sunday 7th June 2020

'Everlasting God'



Creation in June

Dear Chichester Anna Chaplaincy praying community,

June is the 7th month of the Covid-19 global pandemic; the many deaths in this country and across the world, disproportionately affect specific community groups, especially the frail and elderly.

The disease and its impact have turned normal life as we knew it upside down. Global, national, and local front-line staff and all decision makers are exhausted. Thousands of scientists across the world are feverishly studying the virus, how to protect the public, and treat and manage the afflicted. They all need our thanks and prayer.

Where is God in this pandemic? God's presence is with each of us and is manifested through the compassion and outpouring of love we have seen and experienced everywhere in this pandemic.

Today, one week after celebrating the wonderful 'gift of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit' at Pentecost, our meditation will focus with gratitude on **our everlasting tireless three-in-one God of hope.**

Slowly read and chew on words from scripture and then dwell on each line of the Morning Invocation that follows.



Scripture

' Be still and know the presence of God' **Psalm 46:10 (NIV)**

'Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

*The Lord is the everlasting God,
The creator of the ends of the earth.*

*He will not grow tired or weary,
And his understanding no-one can fathom....'*

*'..but those who hope in the Lord
Will renew their strength.*

They will soar on wings like angels

They will run and not grow weary,

They will walk and not be faint. ' Isaiah 40:28, 31a (NIV)

A Morning Invocation

Loving one, you forged the elements of my being;

You know the workings of my soul;

You made the four winds blow.

I arise this day amidst their directions,

Rooted in your one spirit.

Come air in the East where the sun rises each morning and breathe through my thinking this day.

Come fire in the South under the midsummer sun, inflame my love with your compassion.

Come earth in the North, ground me with stable faith, and be my stronghold this day.

Come water in the West flow through my feelings and intuition that I may know your presence.

Come spirit at the centre connecting all that there is.

Come into my heart and let me see you in all this day.

In, Tess Ward, 2007, The Celtic Wheel of the Year. Goodread.

The Everlasting God of Hope be with each of us today, and always. **Amen**

With love and blessings, Deborah H



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