

“Afraid of Our Faith?”

Devotion for November 2016

Hymn: VU 587 A Prayer For Hope.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:12 and Mark 11:24-27

Reflection:

Not sure about other provinces but in Ontario no Lord's prayer in schools and also out in most municipal proceedings as well. No references to Christianity at all allowed. We have become pretty much an atheist or at least an agnostic nation in public; but in Ottawa it is a different story, at least behind closed doors. Each Wednesday morning when the house is sitting there is a Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast centered around Jesus, but open to all faiths. Then once a year there is a National one; next year it is slated for May 17, in Ottawa of course. The public is invited and tickets are available. And you thought we were no longer a Christian nation! What would Jesus's take be on that?

Discussion:

If we are not afraid of our faith why not talk about prayer. Is there really a God to pray to or is it just a mind thing? Does it work? Do you pray and do you have any personal experiences to share? I have, so maybe next time!

Hymn VU 568 Dear Lord Lead Me Day by Day

Prayer: Well Lord, this is difficult. You know we expect instant results when we pray and sometimes that does happen and sometimes it happens and we don't recognize it and wonder if prayer is just a waste of time, or perhaps you are out doing something and did not hear us. We finally learn that our prayers should be prayers of thanks not requests. Our one request should be for the strength to accept, to understand and be thankful. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen