

We Want to Bless You Good morning, and welcome to share a few minutes of reflection and prayer this Thursday morning. And what I'd like to suggest for this, today, is a short bit from St Matthew's gospel; in fact, part of the gospel reading will be using in our Catholic churches this coming Sunday. I might introduce it by noting the curious contradiction (or is it paradox?) between what Jesus says and today's commonly accepted "wisdom". I say, today's: for, particularly in the context of the current AIDS scare and campaigns it's remarkable how often it's said that the Christian moral ideals or demands are too unrealistic; too hard for people, of no help to finding a solution, because (it seems) a change of life-style or in moral attitudes is not considered an acceptable programme. Be that as it may: Jesus said "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulders my yoke are lean from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light." That's an invitation, for people everywhere and at any time. But, people often prefer → TP 804