



# THIS IS YOUR SPACE TO GROW

## REFLECTION POINTS 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

### READING – GENESIS 15:1-6

“ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord <sup>7</sup>reckoned it to him as righteousness.

These are words of faith

Thanks be to God

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How can this prayer help us to move beyond the present into future possibilities?

How can this prayer help us recognise both the limits and the possibilities of God’s call to us?

Can we live with the incomplete?

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent

enterprise that is God’s work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church’s mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

