

PRAYER



For our prayer this week we use the beautiful prayer of the Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55. I hope you find the following reflection on the Magnificat an aid to prayer. It is an English translation from German by Olga Warnke, I.B.V.M., and a very suitable way to conclude this lesson. Please do not just read it but spend time with it.

*My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
For He has blessed me lavishly
and makes me ready to respond.
He shatters my little world
and lets me be poor before Him.
He takes from me all my plans
and gives me more than I can hope or ask,
He gives me opportunities and the ability
to become free and to burst through my boundaries.
He gives me strength to be daring,
to build on Him alone, for he shows
Himself as the ever greater One in my life.
He has made known to me this;
It is in being servant
that it becomes possible
For God's kingdom to break through
here and now.*