

A Prayer on a Birthday

Today we remember our coming into this world; the day when our journey through this life began.

Each of us is on a journey; some say from the cradle to the grave, while we may speak of a journey through a physical life, knowing there is more to the everyday things which we deal with on a moment by moment basis. The Master Jesus would deal with things as they came along and, at the same time, trying to teach people what he knew of other-worldly things. Some listened for a while then wandered away but a few stayed to carry out the work that he set for them. We have similar responsibilities and ask for help and guidance in dealing with things and people in this world. We do not know the effect that we have on people but we ask that what we say or do will be in love and friendship as the Master showed us.

Each year, as we pass the anniversary of our birth, we look back and reflect for a while also looking forward to better prospects and more opportunities to make a difference in our world; to help more people and pass on what we know; helping others in their journey through life. If we are smiling at one person we are smiling at God. We are not asked to do wonderful things that will hit the headlines for a day or two, rather just simply do what comes to hand knowing that, as the years go by, we are making a difference in other people's lives and building our home in the land that lies beyond the gate marked 'Death'.

We ask a blessing on all those who have gone through this gate and have little concern for the passing of the earth years; a thousand ages in thy sight are as an evening gone. While our physical life, sprinkled with anniversaries, may be short it is an opportunity to do what we can, while we can.

Amen.