

## **Thought for the Day Easter Saturday 11/04/20**

***Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14***

Easter Saturday, the in-between day. Stuck in the middle of the darkness and sorrow of Good Friday and the bursting forth brightness of Easter Sunday. Some people view it as a nothing day, however, it is important we don't rush past it just because we know what is waiting on the other side. Sometimes we have to wait in the not knowing.

I am sure that at the moment we can identify with that feeling of not knowing, of confusion. What's going to happen next? We sit in our homes not knowing when we will be allowed to move freely again, not knowing when the virus will leave.

Easter Saturday is a pause. Even in scripture there seems to be a hiatus between the brutality of Good Friday and shocking miraculous joy of Easter Sunday.

The disciples are in shock. Despite Jesus explanations to them, this wasn't what they anticipated. And I am sure we too at the start of Lent anticipated an Easter like many others. At the start of the year we expected a year where life would go on as normal. Yet as we know that is not what we have been given. Our expectations and our lives have been turned on their heads.

Change as dramatic and unexpected as the coronavirus can leave us feeling unmoored, yet we can place our feet on something solid and unchanging. *Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.* We have the promise that despite everything our hope is secure. Death doesn't win! I'd encourage you today to read all of Psalm 27, a Psalm which my commentary gives the title; *The essential ingredient: faith working by prayer.* We have that essential ingredient, in the unknowing, let's use it!

It's OK to feel lost; everything is up in the air. We are in an Easter Saturday experience and we don't know when it will end, but Easter Saturday isn't the end of the story. There is hope after the grief, there will be joy after the loss. The triumph of Easter Sunday is on its way.

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**May you find peace as you wait for the Lord.**

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