

Reading and prayer 23rd September 2021

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:1-10

Lord God, our hearts rejoice that through our Lord Jesus Christ we have become new a new creation and we have hope. Blessed be your name. We pray for your protection from all that would cause us to be afraid, or have doubt. May we, at the end of this earthly life be presented spotless before your throne and in the mean while be faithful servants in your service. Amen

