

Year of Prayer Encounter God

What have been your experiences so far in this Year of Prayer? I wonder if in the decision to join with others in prayer (however and wherever that is) that you are becoming more attuned to recognising that Jesus is there with you, guiding and making himself known to you.

One of the riches of being in prayer with others is that we learn from each other. Just as God has made me unique, so has he made you unique; as you express yourself through the means of prayer that connects you to God and we share this, together we learn more of God, his love and his grace.

In Luke 24 we read of the disciples who encountered Jesus in the days following his death and resurrection, saying, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' (vs32). I am becoming more aware of the times when I feel my 'heart burning within' me, and I am understanding that as we pray together the work going on isn't so much what we are doing and giving to God, but what God is doing by his very presence and unconditional love toward us as we pray. He is, after all, Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus Christ, God who saves us.

As we encounter our God, let us listen to him as he directs our ordinary moments so they will be transformative moments, for ourselves and our communities by his Spirit.

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