

DAY 4 – Wednesday 13th May

Read -Genesis 1 : 14-19

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

Reflect

How awesome it is to look up to the Stars, what a marvellous sight! There is a Poem written in memory of Oscar Romero aptly entitled ‘*Prophets of a Future Not our Own*’, which begins : “*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.*”

We can take a long view when we look with wonder on the gift of Creation. This was the role of the Old Testament Prophets, and we too must raise our prophetic voices as they did.

“He who gives the sun for light by day... and the stars for light by night...The ‘Lord of Hosts’ is His name!” Jeremiah 31:35.

Global warming threatens to undo the last 50 years of progress in development, global health and poverty reduction. It could push more than 120 million people into poverty by 2030!

At this moment we remain hopeful. Let us reflect on the words of Martin Luther King who said “The arc of the moral universe bends towards justice.”

Pray

God who spoke the Stars in to being, challenge, awaken and inspire us to raise our voices with the cry of the Earth.

The Prophets throughout history and the Prophets of today, all call out for justice for all. Amen.

Meditate

The next time we get clear sky, go out and marvel at the stars – or if circumstances don’t allow that, then look up a photograph of the night sky. The more you stare, the more the immensity of it all sinks in. The enormity of it can be quite scary!

Remember that God creates these wonders - see Genesis 1 : 16 “*God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.*”

Let us lift our voices with those who are struggling the pain of inequality, poverty and injustice.