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We pray our prayers for help to you, not because of any righteous acts of ours but because of your great compassion. Daniel 9,18 (RSV)

The last thing we should do!

These are bad times in which the Prophet Daniel speaks or rather sighs, cries, implores these words! His home is devastated. There is no hope of turning back or restoring things to their original condition. But the worst thing is that it is so clear why this has happened. Daniel can clearly see how the people of Israel have renounced God. And yet no-one wants to change their behaviour. How can God show mercy here?

When I read this in context, I start to feel uneasy. Don't we also do things that we know it would be better not to do? Nuclear power stations, arms sales, particulate matter, glyphosate, to name but a few? We know where this is taking us. We know that this isn't God's will, that we'll never get to grips with the consequences and never be able to restore things to how they were. But do we turn back? How can God

show mercy here? Without genuine remorse, without radical repentance, without widespread conversion, there is nothing God can do. Or is there?

In Daniel's day, only one person was beating his breast, who nearly died out of desperation and who implored God. That was Daniel himself. And nevertheless, God brought Israel back again, contrary to all expectations. So should we be giving up today? Should those of us who are so deeply disturbed by the what the world is doing to itself stop imploring and groaning? Should we stop trusting in the love of God and appealing to His compassion? If we look to Daniel, that would be the last thing we should do!

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I GIVE THANKS

- for that churches have the possibility of making their voices heard on the radio.
- for every human who does not lose courage.
- for all safekeeping hitherto.
- for every little step of progress that the world takes towards freedom, justice and preserving creation.
- for His great patience and faithfulness

I PRAY

- for encouraging experiences and ideas
- for the strength to overcome inner resignation.
- for peace in Israel and for the surrounding countries.
- that He ensures we can continue preaching the Good News in the public domain for a long time to come.
- that He constantly calls people whose trust and enthusiasm attract and inspire others.

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