

DEVOTIONS

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An Autumn Prayer by Frank Topping

In such a place I could not speak
For leaf and lichen declared this holy ground,
A sanctuary.

Sweet chestnuts were falling,
Green, prickly spheres
Bursting apart on leaf-layered earth.
Acorns, pale and immature,
Spattered the ground around the oak.
My shoes depressed

The rain-soaked moss and glistening grass,
Footsteps hushed in the stillness of the trees.
Until, passing through
I came into the open
And like a rich symphonic chord falling on the ears,
My eyes were assailed with colours that sang
Chromatic scales of gold, and yellow and amber.
Leaves of brown and red and green
Raised praise to their creator
For the gift of deep and mellow autumn.



Borderlines:

God give me the ability to see clearly
the border-lines in life
and the wisdom not to cross them.
Help me never to stray over
the narrow lines between:

Helpfulness and interference
Self-confidence and arrogance
Love and possessiveness
Enthusiasm and fanaticism
Frankness and tactlessness
Admiration and idolatry
Enjoyment and excess
Idealism and naivety
Self-reliance and obstinacy
Compassion and sentimentality
Righteous indignation and vengefulness
Self-awareness and self-centredness
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So many gods, so many creeds,
so many paths that wind and wind,
Whilst just the art of being kind
is all this sad world needs!
Sent in by Margaret Greenwood, Rochdale.

Life Tips (taken from *Woman's Weekly*)

"Value the game, above the prize."
"Children seldom misquote you
they usually repeat word for word
what you shouldn't have said."
"Don't set things aside for a special occasion.
Being alive is a special occasion."
"The only way to guarantee failure is by not trying."
"No-one can go back and make a new start.
But anyone can start to make a new ending."

Prayer:

Lord,
Let me reflect the colours of your love.
Let my life be bright with laughter,
My speech be gentle, My thinking warm,
My actions kind.
May all I suffer or enjoy In the spectrum of my days,
Mellow and blend: In peace, In love, In praise. AMEN.

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3 June 2015	Aberdare outing to Llanwnnen
26 June	Bristol Women's League
19 September	Bank Street Bolton Women's League
October	Cardiff Women's League
21-22 October	League Rally at Whalley Abbey
March 2016	Padiham Women's League
March 2016	Ceredigion, West Wales League

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