

## Friday Praying the Light of Jesus into your Home

John 12:42-46 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>42</sup> Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved human praise more than praise from God. <sup>44</sup> Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. <sup>45</sup> The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. <sup>46</sup> I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

Today we will be doing something a little bit different. I will read out a prayerful meditation for you to listen to after you have read the scripture for today.

This week we have entered into scripture verses and prayer experiences that have focused on Jesus, a light in the darkness.

If you feel comfortable then close your eyes ...

Thinking about the scripture verse above and Jesus standing at the door and knocking ... imagine Jesus now knocking at your door... Go to the door and open it ... Maybe Jesus stands there carrying a light ... a torch, a lantern, a candle or he is light ... Welcome Jesus into your home ... Now as you sit wherever you are, imagine what that is like to have Jesus in your home. Maybe you are concerned that it isn't as tidy as you would like ... maybe you haven't had time or energy to clean recently ... Jesus doesn't mind ... we can invite him into the messiness of our home and our lives ... Imagine Jesus there with you ... Where is he? ... Is he sitting with you? ... Do you show him around ... Is there anything you want to say to Jesus or is he saying something to you? ... or are you silent together ... Just as you have invited Jesus into your home we can invite Jesus into every part of our lives ... Imagine Jesus shining his light into every part of your life ... maybe there is a particular area of your life, where you would like to invite Jesus to shine his light ... Ask Jesus to shine his light into your life ... your relationships, fears, uncertainties, joys, whatever comes into your mind ... As you come towards the end of sharing this time with Jesus, walk with him to the door of your home, thank him and say goodbye knowing that at any time you can ask him into your home and your life and He will bring you His love and peace.

Rest for a little while in the memory of that love and peace.