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Numbers 6 : 24 - 26. Blessings. 2 Corinthians 13 : 11 - 14.

Growing up in the 1950s we were always encouraged to 'count our blessings' and we certainly had life easier than those who grew up in the 1930s and 40s. In this present difficult time, we are 'counting the blessings' of the simple things; a garden with lovely flowers, the kindness of neighbours or the support of a phone call.

Many of us enjoy the blessing of familiar hymns and they often remind us of family and friends who loved to sing them too. Our hymn 'Amazing Grace' is chosen by Audrey, another of Perry Chapel's faithful musicians. It was a favourite of her father so has lovely memories for her.

Our young people are always such a blessing and encouragement to me and to many of our older folk. Nicholas and David have provided our craft pictures. The volcano is magnificent and I hear that the hovercraft works a treat! Well done boys.

There are many wonderful blessings in the Bible. Many years ago, I made my first visit to Israel. Not long after our arrival, we heard that a wonderful archaeological find was now on display. They were two tiny rolls of thin silver. It had taken many months for the experts to unroll them and to read the words of Aaron's blessing.

'The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.'

It is the oldest writing of the scriptures yet found. It was exciting; but even more so because it was so familiar. God's Word is freely available to us, passed on by many writers and translators over centuries and millennium.

Our verses in 2 Corinthians 13 contain wonderful words of encouragement and another lovely blessing. We are encouraged to 'listen...be of one mind and live in peace'; not always easy when some of us are so much together and others too much apart. But the following promise helps us in both situations, 'and the God of love and peace will be with you'.

Then, we are encouraged to 'greet each other'. Sadly, a kiss and hug to family and friends is not possible for many at the moment, but we are finding ways to send a loving greeting.

Finally, we have that encompassing blessing of our 'three in one' God. First, 'The grace of the Lord

'Jesus Christ', that 'amazing grace' that 'saved a wretch like me'. Then, the 'love of God'; that fatherly love that is always there for us and will not let us down. And, 'the fellowship of the Holy Spirit', the Comforter and Counsellor who is always with us.

We do miss looking around at each other as we share this lovely blessing at the close of our services, but we can, like Paul, ask that blessing to 'be with you all'.

'May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.' 2 Corinthians 13: 14.

Every blessing,

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Amazing grace - how sweet the sound-
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe this far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.



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