

maranatha

Two Meditations

Hand in Hand

**A Living God, A Living Church,
A Loving God, A Loving Church**



Our walk with God

Hand in Hand

We can walk hand in hand
as pilgrims
or scatter and go our
separate ways.

We can be an encouragement
to one another
or stumbling blocks
bringing sadness and despair
or doubt and confusion.

We can help one another
or be a hindrance.
We can listen to God
or we can listen to ourselves.

We can open the doors of
our hearts and minds
or keep them firmly closed.

We can look outwards
at the glory of the Lord
or inward at ourselves.

We can look up
into the Father's love
or down at our frail humanity.

We can look forward with hope
at what God will do
or backward with pain
at a lost past.

When we come together
as the Body of Christ
He gives us his eyes to see
not as the world sees,
He gives us His ears to hear
not as the world hears,
He places his words
upon our hearts,
His sacred Heart
to beat within us.

If we truly listen,
we will surely hear.

If we wait in patience and faith
He will surely come.

If we watch attentively
He will surely reveal himself.

If we pray together as one,
together we will encounter
the one God.

The condition of this encounter
is His love within us,
expressed to Him
to one another
and to the whole world.



A living God, a living Church A loving God, a loving Church

It is the Father
who gathers us together
to be His family, His church,
in oneness and in love.

It is Jesus Christ
who stands in our midst
binding us together in fellowship,
one flock, one people, one Body.

It is the Holy Spirit,
who enlivens us and
empowers us
bringing mutual love,
shared truth,
distributing gifts,
producing rich fruit.

It is the People of God who are
called together
to worship and to grow,
to witness and
to serve,
as one.

It is the grace of God
which enables us to receive
in abundance
of His faith which
can move mountains,
of His bright hope and
of His limitless love.

It is the evil one
who brings discouragement
and dispute,
division and despair,
discord and destruction.

It is God's living presence
in us and around us
which brings concord
and kindness,
oneness and togetherness.
And so, with our Lord and His
mighty presence
we walk together
and stay together,
pray together and serve together,
weep together and
dance together
as one.

Lord may I
Know my responsibilities to You
and to my brothers and sisters
in Your family.

Lord may I
listen respectfully,
speak kindly,
forgive unconditionally.

Lord may I
be quick to praise,
and slow to judge;
be strong in conviction,
but show gentleness of spirit.

May I
bind wounds.

May I
bring peace.

May I
in all encounters
reveal something of Jesus.

And so,
may your Church
be a fragrant garden
of gentleness and joy.

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