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These words that I am commanding you today must always on your mind. Recite them ...when you are sitting around your house and when you are out, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. (Deuteronomy 6.6-7 CEB)

Genuine Passion

Now you can see them again in shops and streets, in busses and trains, and in public places: Soccer fans showing their enthusiasm with flags, dresses, body and face paintings. Men's Soccer World Championship has started, and more than ever people meet for so-called "public viewing" to celebrate their common passion. – Our confession in Deuteronomy invites us to live with such a common passion. Believers are asked to have God's commands constantly in mind and use them as orientation when living their everyday lives – when working or on vacation, when ailing or top fit.
God's commandments are not restrictions, they suggest successful living in the well known and the unknown areas of our lives. God helps me to understand the world and myself. He is my point of orientation when I make my decisions. God is the God of love, of life, of peace, of justice, of relationships, of plenty. That means, peace and justice are not just to be hoped for but to be planned, initiated and lived. Fullness of life is not greedy craving for more and more but to be satisfied and happy with what is available for me and what I may can afford – be it much or a little.
Fullness is grateful enjoying and happy sharing.
Making room for the God of love or God's love in my own thoughts, words, acts, and steps and in my ways of love, respect and appreciation. This will make our world more humane, and the kingdom of God will become more visible and real.

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I GIVE THANKS

- For joy and enthusiasm I can feel and share.
- For reliable friends, male and female.
- For the diversity and colorful variety of life.
- For common sense and wisdom to draw and set limits for our wants and research.

MY PRAYER IS

- That my life and the lives of my fellow human beings for whom I am responsible will turn strangers into friends.
- That human rights are respected everywhere on this earth, and capital punishment be abolished.
- That the conflict in the Ukraine will be solved without further violence, and that peace and reconciliation will grow.

The workspace „diaconal and society political responsibilities" will encourage to form and change ourselves and our society towards the kingdom of God as propagated by Jesus. Our church stands up for the underprivileged, for justice, for peace, and for the protection of creation.

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