



Week beginning  
25th Jan 2009



Welcome

Think of a time in your life when something happened that made you feel really loved and cared for. Can you tell us about it? Why did you feel like that?

Here is a prayer that some Christians like to use to address the trinity:

*Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:  
Set up your kingdom in our midst.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God:  
Have mercy on me, a sinner.  
Holy Spirit, breath of the living God:  
Renew me and all the world.*

Worship

Why not use this prayer to begin a time of worship—focus on the Trinity and what the Father Son and Spirit do: give thanks and praise for this.

**Word** Spiritual fitness is our ability to enjoy God, the life he gives, and the community of others. Community only works if we are prepared to give (John 15:12-14). We cannot give if we are hypnotised by possessions...

**Read Luke 12:13-21**

- The farmer's actions may look like sound business sense; so why is he called a 'fool' in the story? (check out 14:1; Isaiah 32:6; Jeremiah 4:22)
- Count up how many times the farmer uses the words 'I', 'my' or 'myself'. What does that tell you about him? Are you any different? How do we change our basic attitudes about having loads of stuff?
- How can we be 'rich towards God' (verse 21) How will you begin to do this personally?

Pray for the relief effort in Haiti: good organisation, fair distribution of aid, sufficient medical care

Pray also for those you know personally who are in need

Witness