





Introduction on request of Bishop BD Prasad Rao for the Global Hour of Prayer - IRCA.


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- ▶ Draft - On the train, journeying back after conducting a Retreat at the start of lent. A time to pause, listen, to heal.

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- ▶ A significant theological Pre occupation, in ministry, is the nature of prayer. Silence, praise, lament, intercedes, to cry and challenge. I have attempted all of this in the context of ministry over the last four decades.

- ▶ Ministry - single focus but using two platforms: Church and Social Justice movements. Inspired by a vision of new heaven new earth and drawing on the promise of life and abundant life (for all) my ministry has focused on a Prophetic Diaconal.

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- ▶ This was embodied in capacity building programmes for Church (India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Tanzania) and an empowerment programme for children in vulnerable conditions in India.

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- ▶ Challenges in ministry at the grassroots is the dynamic cultural changes influenced by aggressive Neo liberal economic policies and equally aggressive cultural nationalism. This has led to **nullius** being persecuted because of religion and faith.

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- ▶ How can one remain constant in faith and practice? We have a template in the message of the 'Reign of God' and the message of contemporary prophets, starting with Ambedkar.