

Pastoral Letter for 24 June 2022

Dear Friends

During the past few years colouring in books for adults have been in the market. There are some beautiful books, and the idea is to help de-stress after a busy day. The other thing you need are some good coloured pencils and of course a sharpener. As I was thinking of this, I remembered something I wrote some years ago and may have already shared.

My Pencil Box

I hold the colours of the rainbow in my hand,
colours of every kind.

As I look, I see them paralleling my life.

White - as I began life as a baby

Yellow - for the sunshine in my life

Green - for the beauty of nature around me

Brown, Red and Orange - for the autumn time of life

Blue - for the winters

Pinks and purples - for days of fun and laughter

Silver - for the silver-lined clouds of life

Black - for those dark lonely nights of despair

Finally, back to white –

the dazzling light of God's love as He welcomes me home.



Whatever colour we associate with at this time of our lives we are never alone, the God who created us walks with us in the bright and happy times and through the dark and lonely times of our lives. We read in Psalm 23:4 "Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me." Some of our family and friends are going through different colours in their lives and it is an opportunity to remind them that they are never alone. That the God of Colours is with them always.

A Prayer: God of Creation and beautiful Colour, we pray that as we look back over our lives we will see where you have walked with us through the ups and downs of life. We thank you that you have promised to be with us always, help us to encourage each other and to shine the light of your love wherever we go. Amen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdW4Xy8keZQ>

"The Colors Of My Life"

The colors of my life, are bountiful and bold
The purple glow of indigo, the gleam of green an' gold
The splendor of a sunrise, the dazzle of a flame,
The glory of a rainbow, will put 'em all to shame

No quiet browns or grays, I'll take my days instead,
And fill them 'till they overflow, with rose and cherry red
And should this sunlit world, grow dark one day,
The colors of my life, will leave a shining light,
To show the way

[Give Them All to Jesus - Evie - Bing video](#)

Are you tired of chasing pretty rainbows?
Are you tired of spinning round and round?
Wrap up all the shattered dreams of your life
And at the feet of Jesus lay them down

Give them all, give them all
Give them all to Jesus
Shattered dreams, wounded hearts, broken toys
Just give them all to Jesus
Give them all, give them all
Give them all to Jesus
And he will turn your sorrow into joy

He never said you'd only see sunshine
He never said there'd be no rain
He only promised us a heart full of singing
That the very thing that once brought pain
Chorus