

WEDNESDAY

Here's a bit of Bible study!

Remember all that stuff about Moses? He took the Hebrews out of Egypt, across the Red Sea and into the desert for 40 years. While



they were in the desert God gave Moses lots of instructions. One of the things he told Moses was how to pray for a blessing. Here's a slight paraphrase of what he said:

"I want to bless you with my love. Say to the people, 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.'"

So this is what God wants for us. Some of the words that mean the same as 'blessed' are adored, anointed, honoured, made holy.

He wants to keep us meaning he wants us to be safe and well and to prosper. He wants us to see his face and for it to shine on us – to be our light.

Being gracious involves being loving, kind, tolerant and forgiving.

He wants to turn towards each one of us and see us just like we want to look at something beautiful because it gives us pleasure.

And he wants to give us peace.

Receive that yourself from God. Spend a few moments absorbing God's desire for blessing for you.

God blesses us so that we then bless others. Think about your family, friends, neighbours and pray this blessing over them.

Then tell them what you've done!