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Dear Friends,

What a wonderful holiday Margaret and I had in Malta – in fact we both agree this was probably the best ever in that particular country. Here are some of the highlights, in no particular order:

Staying at a hotel in walking distance from St Paul's Island, where the apostle suffered his shipwreck but managed to convert a whole nation to Christianity as a result. Having a hire car from a reputable company (rather than from a back street garage) which served us amicably throughout our stay. Recognising that we are not the only country with potholes and that a visit to Malta will show what they are really like at their 'best'. Enjoying guaranteed sunshine and temperatures into the early 30s (but how lovely to come back to just the odd drop of rain!). Watching people make the best of the cooler evenings by setting up barbecues on beaches and in car parks and socialising till long into the night. Visiting our favourite beach on the island of Gozo, and

marvelling at the azure blue water, the grottos and the ancient excavations (some of them among the oldest in the world). Finding so many opportunities to relax, recharge and then return with the fondest of memories, and with the pictures to prove it!

This is what holidays are for, and we should rejoice in them, but we should also be grateful when we can truly say: "Great to go away, but lovely to return home again" (as we both did). For this shows the holiday has achieved for you all it was meant to achieve.

So, no particular Christian message in this month's Thought perhaps, except to say God bless you in your times of rest, of simply Being, as well as in your times of having to work, of Doing. There is a real place for both, and in everything He goes with you wherever you go. So, if you have not had your holiday yet, grab the opportunity and enjoy, but remember in your prayers those who for whatever reason may not have the blessing of a proper break this year.

Thought for  
the week



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