Gilly's Quiet Garden

Inner strength
for the outer journey

Read these words from Isaiah 55:10-11 in different versions of Scripture....

"My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seed for planting and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak—it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do."
Good News Translation

"For as rain and snow can't go back once they've fallen, but soak into the ground and nourish the plants that grow, providing seed to the farmer and bread for the hungry, so it is when I declare something. My word will go out and not return to Me empty, but it will do what I wanted; it will accomplish what I determined."
The Voice

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
New Revised Standard Version

Isaiah 55:10-11 tells us that God's word is like snow and rain
coming down from the sky.

Prayer is like gentle rain;
quenching our thirst, nourishing and refreshing us.

Can you allow yourself to just sit,
and let God 'soak in' to your being?

Print off the raindrop shape, or draw one of your own;
you can write or draw on it, on one side or both:

- *What helps me to receive from God in this way?*
  - *What prevents me?*
  - *What draws me closer to God?*
  - *Is there anything in my life I can change*
    to draw me even closer?

You may like to keep the 'raindrop' in a safe place and look at it again in a
few weeks' time; has anything changed?

Spend some time asking God how you can
'Be still, and know that I am God'....

I encourage you to treat these reflections prayerfully,
taking time to consider the thoughts and questions within the
context of your own life. If you are in the habit of
keeping a journal do use that to help your responses.