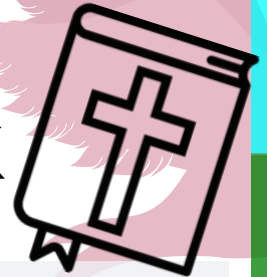


PEACE



WORDS OF THE WEEK

LUKE 6: 27-38



"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone hits you on one cheek, let him hit the other one too; if someone takes your coat, let him have your shirt as well. Give to everyone who asks you for something, and when someone takes what is yours, do not ask for it back. Do for others just what you want them to do for you.

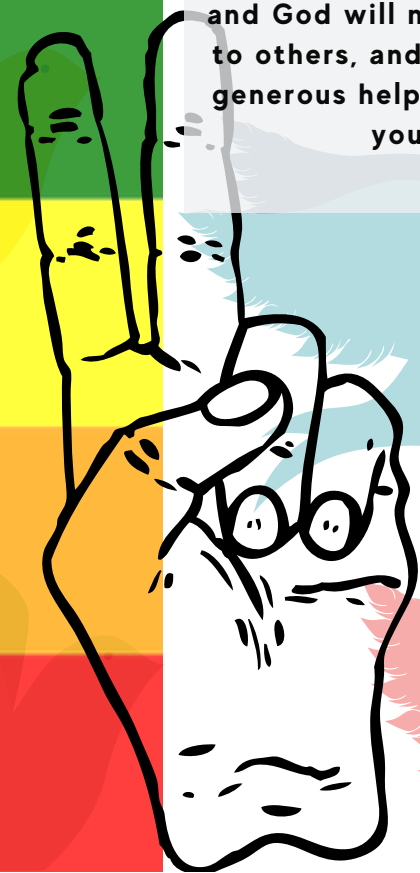
"If you love only the people who love you, why should you receive a blessing? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you receive a blessing? Even sinners do that! And if you lend only to those from whom you hope to get it back, why should you receive a blessing? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount! No! Love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back. You will then have a great reward, and you will be children of the Most High God. For he is good to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge others, and God will not judge you; do not condemn others, and God will not condemn you; forgive others, and God will forgive you. Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you."

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious God, we pray for those who strive for peace this day, may we find strength and courage to live out our call as peacemakers. We pray for all those who suffer as a result of violence, may they know your healing and peace. We pray for political leaders in Britain and across the world; may they seek wisdom and work together for peace. May your kingdom come, your will be done, and the earth be filled with your glory.

Amen



PEACE SUNDAY 2023

Sunday 15th January was Peace Sunday and each year the Pope chooses a theme, a theme that encourages us to come together to work for peace.

This year's theme is "No one can be saved alone. Embarking together on paths of peace."

This is what Archbishop Malcolm McMahon (the Archbishop of Liverpool) said about Pope Francis' Peace Sunday address.

"2022 has been a year of war and rumours of war. Lives lost, people displaced, fear and suspicion overwhelming many communities around the world. These wars are also contributing to the destruction of our environment. Sometimes it feels as though we have moved backwards in our efforts to bring peace and justice to our world. However, the constant, faithful voice of Pope Francis urges us to keep going. Whether he is speaking about Ukraine and Russia, Yemen or the Middle East, his message is always the same: No to war and no to the trade in weapons that fuel war. His All Saints Angelus message offers these questions: 'Brothers and sisters, let us look within and ask ourselves: are we peacemakers? In the places where we live, study and work, do we bring tension, words that hurt, chatter that poisons, controversy that divides? Or do we open up the way to peace?'"



BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

During your time of prayer this morning take some time to silently reflect on these questions.

What is a peacemaker?

Can you think of anyone who is a peacemaker?

Can you think of times when you need to be a peacemaker?

Is there a peacemaker that inspires you?

BLESSED ARE THE
peacemakers:
FOR THEY SHALL
BE CALLED THE
children of God.
Matthew 5:9

Find out more about Dorothy Day [HERE](#) her story will definitely surprise you!!

"We only love God as much as the person we love the least."

Dorothy Day



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

This week's Word of the Week is quiet a challenge. It is calling us to love our enemies. Jesus says that we are not just to force a smile and mind our own business when we struggle to get along with someone, but that we should actively try to love them.

Take a moment while listening to this piece of music ([CLICK HERE](#)) to pray for the help to do just this today, this week and into the future.

Youtube: Embracing Calm- On A Cloud- Topic