

Time between Ascension (21st May) and Pentecost (31st May)

The disciples had spent time with a risen Christ and now he had gone into heaven leaving them again but he gave them a command to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came and they did.

We do not know how they felt; from being on Cloud 9 and then they had to wait, the time no doubt seemed an eternity, maybe that is where we are today.

A Gaelic prayer for you:

As the rain hides the stars, as the autumn mist hides the hills, as the clouds veil the blue of the sky, so the dark of my lot hides the shining of your face from me.

Yet if I may hold your hand in the darkness, it is enough.

Since I know that, though I may stumble in my going, you do not fall.

God is still around even if we do not see Him.

During this time (21st May to 31st May) a worldwide prayer movement called

Thy Kingdom Come

asks us to pray for friends and family to come to know the love and peace of Christ. We specifically are asked to think of five people and pray for them daily during this time.

Since the launch by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016, Christians from 172 countries and 65 denominations take part in praying for friends and family, so join in and bring more light into the world.

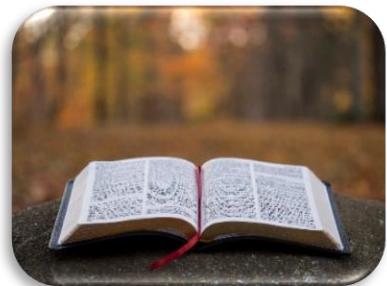


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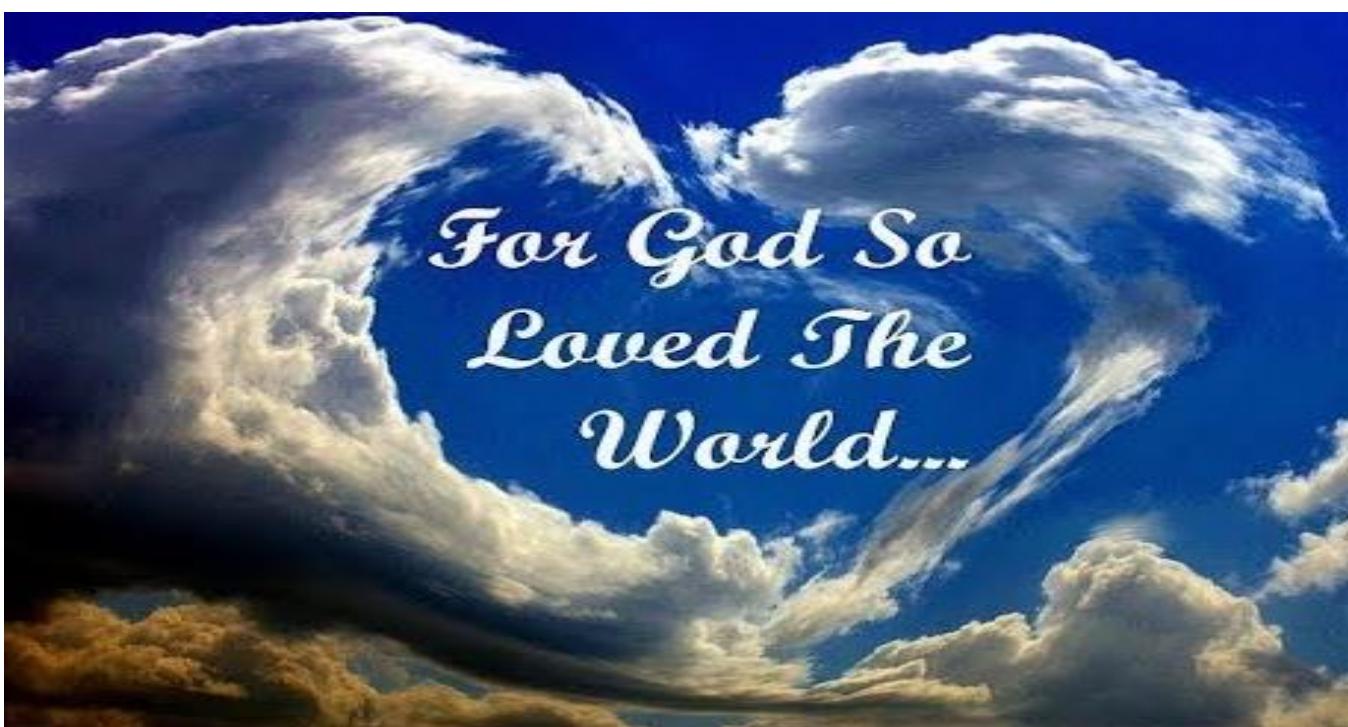
John 3.16,17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



God's love is for everyone, this passage shows us how great His love is and what lengths He went to for you and me. We all matter to God, he sees the potential in each of us.



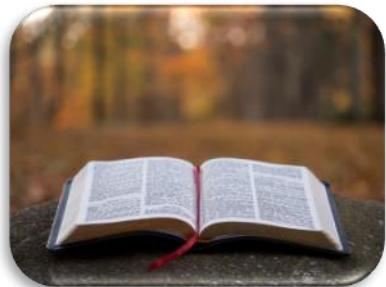
Prayer

Loving God thank you that you gave your son Jesus for me and for all people. Help me to spread that love to others. Place in my heart those you want me to pray for and open their hearts so they can feel you. Thank you. Amen

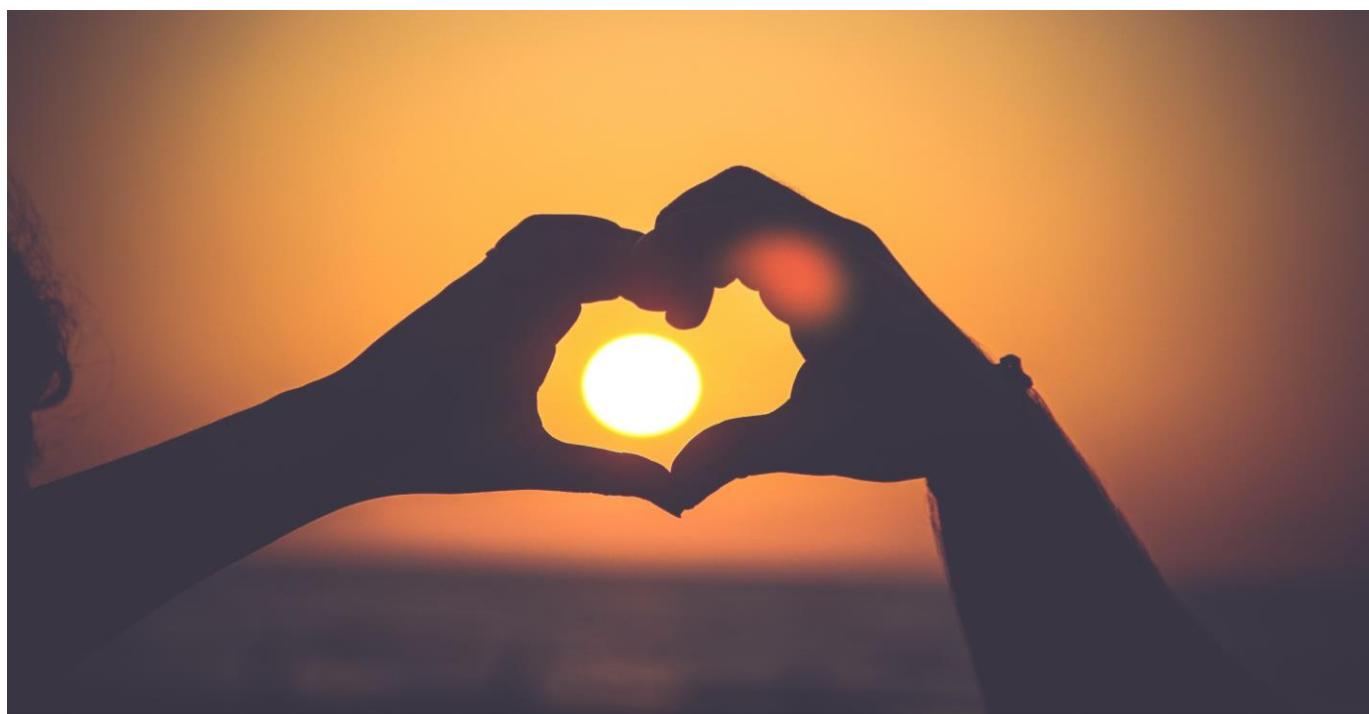
Praise

1 Corinthians 13.4-7

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



We are all a work in progress and as Christians we try to imitate Christ who shows us a better way to live. We should be loving people full of God's goodness, joy and grace.



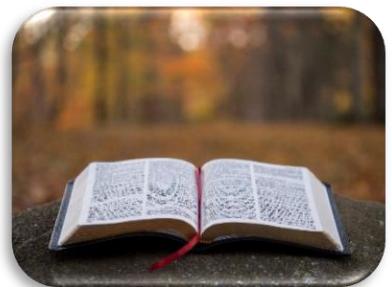
Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the way You love us. Please help us by the power of your Holy Spirit to love as you love so others will come to know you. Amen

Thanks

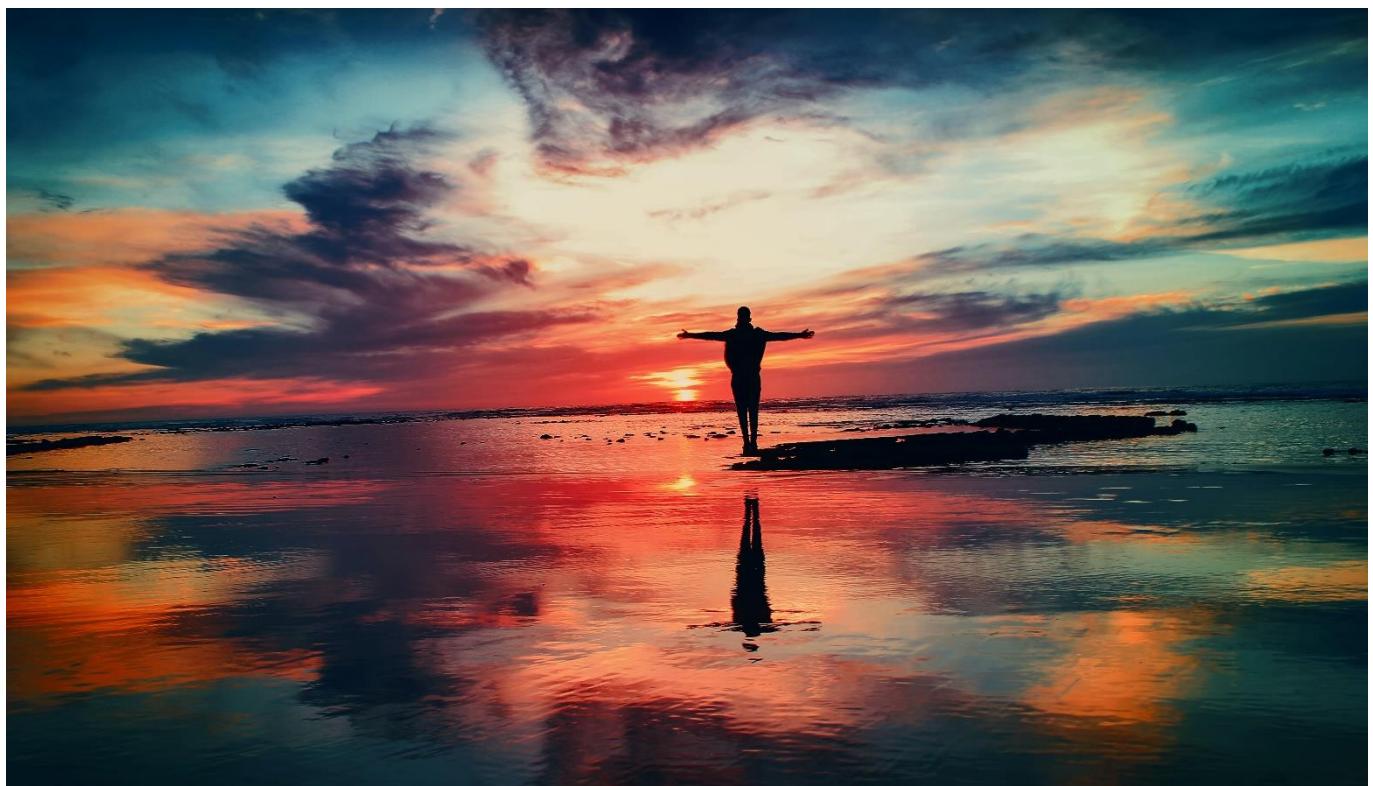
1 John 4. 9,10,19

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We love because he first loved us.



God loves us before we know Him, He cares about each of us and wants the best for us.

As a Christian we choose to be channels through which God's love can reach others. Let us bring blessings from God to others.



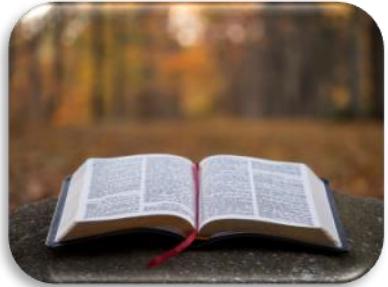
Prayer

Loving God, thank you that you loved us first before we learned to love you. Please open our eyes and the eyes for those whom we pray for, to see your love and actions so that we all can pass this love to others and learn to know and love you more. Amen.

Sorry

Romans 5.6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.



God loves us even though we are not perfect, the stories within the Bible show us God's love. God's love comes from a broken heart, He risks everything to reach us and redeem us from where we are lost.

Prayer

Loving God, we are sorry for the times when we have not loved others as you do. Thank you that as we confess about what is not right in our lives and mean it, you forgive us lovingly. Help us Lord to accept your love and allow it to transform our lives and we pray for those we know, that they will come to know this love too. Amen

