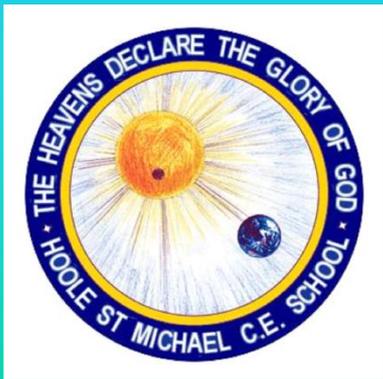


Our Christian Values





Perseverance



On the journey of life, God gives us the strength not to give up.
He stays alongside us as our friends.

We welcome everyone in to our school and want them to feel at home.
In the bible St Paul write 'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'
God wants us to encourage others to keep going to achieve their goals.

Bible Verse.

In our prayers, we can ask God to help us if we feel worried about facing a new challenge.

Hebrews 12 1-2

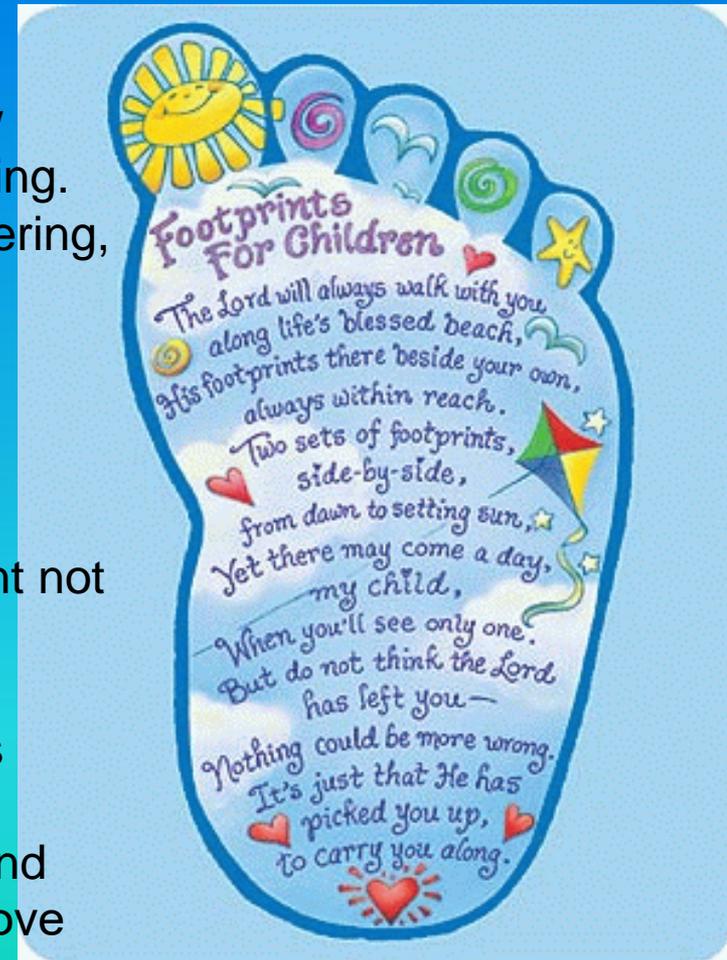


Theological Background.....

Although the word refers to us standing firm in the face of hardship, it is important to note the constant assurance in the Bible that God's love, mercy, faithfulness and righteousness endure forever (e.g. Psalm 118, 136). Emphasis upon perseverance is common in the New Testament where it is linked with patience and suffering. St Paul is certain that perseverance is honed by suffering, is character building and is characterised by love (Romans 5:3-4; I Corinthians 4:12 – 13). It is linked with self-control, godliness (2 Peter 1:6) and steadfastness.

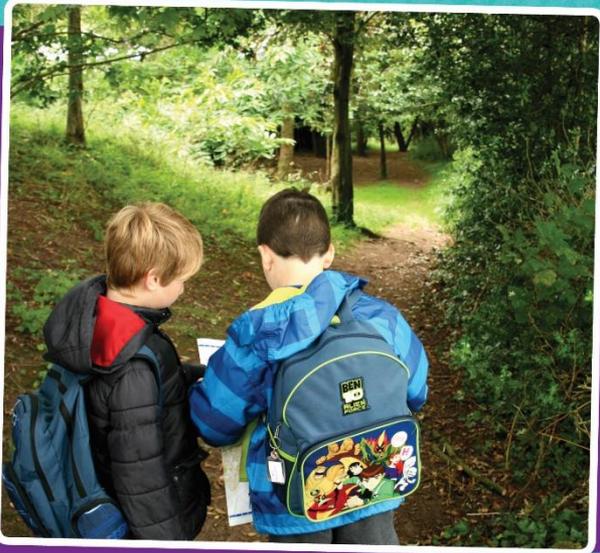
At its root, perseverance is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful, and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity. Jesus endured rejection, abuse and the cross, and his followers are warned that they may well have to share that pain as persecution took hold.

Perseverance is only possible where there is hope and that hope is based on the enduring nature of God's love and faithfulness.





PERSEVERANCE



'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4.13

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

By **perseverance** the snail reached the ark.
(Charles H. Spurgeon)

When the world says, 'Give up', Hope whispers, 'Try it one more time.'
(Anon)

? Have you ever made fun of someone who takes a long time to do things? Maybe, like the tortoise in Aesop's fable, they will surprise you.

? When have you been the voice of hope and encouraged someone to try one more time?

Fall seven times, stand up eight.
(Japanese Proverb)

Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force but through **persistence**.
(Ovid)

? Did you ever have to try lots of times before something was possible?

? Have you ever achieved a challenge in small stages, a little at a time?

Prayers.....

The perseverance prayer

Lord Jesus,
When I feel worried about
facing a new challenge,
help me to persevere.
When the going gets tough,
help me to persevere.
When I feel like giving up,
help me to persevere.

Amen



A prayer for refugees

Loving God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no
place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who are fleeing
from danger,
who are homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our
hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards
that day
when there will be justice and peace for
everyone.

Amen

Inspirational Christian People

Charles Spurgeon



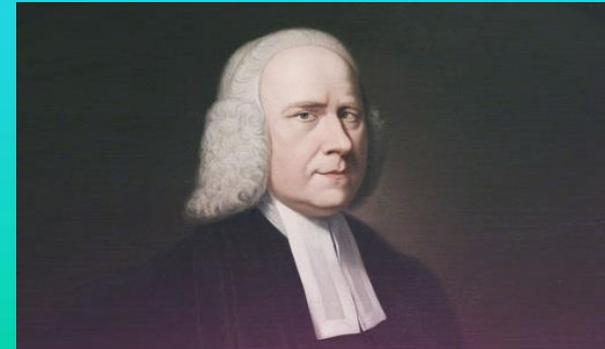
Mary Jones



Argula Von Grumbach



George Whitefield





Justice



Justice means taking responsibility for others especially the poor and those less fortunate than us.

We are asked by God to see that no one is left out.

When we read about Justice in the bible, we learn about loving our neighbours and making sure that everyone is included.

How can you help others?

Bible Verse

But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream. [Amos 5:24](#)



Theological Background.....

Justice also means giving all people - particularly the poor - what it is right and fair for them to have: life, health, freedom and dignity. It is about acting out of a concern for what is right. It is about social justice, especially for those who suffer most and are least able to protect themselves.

The Bible emphasises that 'The righteous care about justice for the poor' (Proverbs 29:7).

Isaiah says: 'Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow' (Isaiah 1:17).

According to Amos, its presence in society should be constant and abundant: 'Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!' (Amos 5:24)

Throughout the Bible, it is emphasised that justice is immensely important to God. It is fundamental to God's character. 'For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; upright men will see his face.' (Psalm 11:7)

Justice is about a community that knows that everyone's well-being is bound up with that of everyone else. Justice is a pre-requisite of peace: without justice there can be no peace.



JUSTICE



**'Learn to do right.
Seek justice.'**

Isaiah 1.17

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed.
(Mahatma Gandhi)

Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both.
(Eleanor Roosevelt)



How much of what you want is what you actually need?



Do you think about what is fair for others as well as what is fair for yourself?

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is an act of **justice**.
(Nelson Mandela)

If you want peace, work for **justice**.
(Pope Paul VI)



Can you rewrite these words spoken by Nelson Mandela in your own words?



Why do you think Pope Paul VI believed **justice** was essential to having peace?

Prayers.....

Prayer for justice and love

Father God,
your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his resurrection he restores life and
peace in all creation.
In a world of sadness and tears, show
us your joy.
In a world of hatred, show us your love.
In a world of despair, give us hope.
In a world of disbelief, give us faith.
Give us power in your world to make a
difference
and stand up for justice.



Amen.

Inspirational Christian People

Martin Luther King



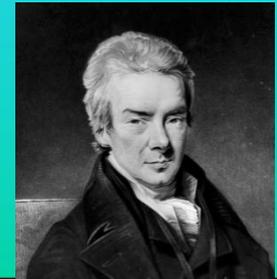
Rosa Parks



Rev Jesse Jackson



William Wilberforce



Justice for everyone prayer

Lord Jesus Christ

In your own life on earth, you took care to
listen well to people,
especially the people who no one else
bothered with.
You were passionate about seeking justice
for everyone.
Give us wisdom when we need to make
decisions.
Help us not to jump to conclusions but to
try to hear both sides,
giving everyone a chance speak.
And when we get it wrong, give us the
humility and courage to say sorry.

Amen

Love and Compassion

Thank you God for your love for everyone.

We show kindness and love towards others in the same way that Jesus does.

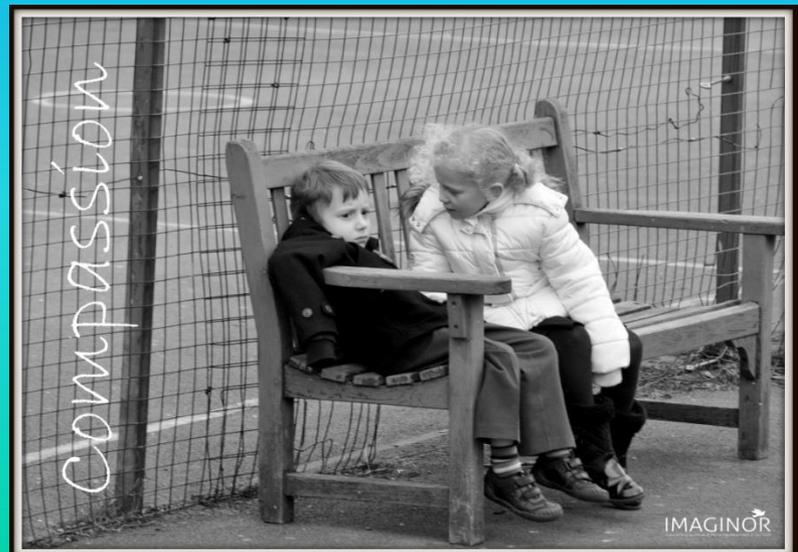
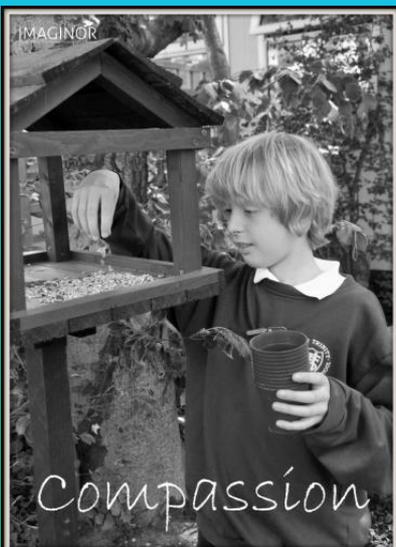
How do we show kindness and respect to one another?

How do we help other people less fortunate than ourselves?

Love is about showing other people that we care and understand when they are unhappy.

[Ephesians 4:32](#)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.



Theological Background.....

'Compassion' means 'suffering with' someone, putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience.

Paul says 'clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' (Colossians 3:12)

Jesus showed compassion towards the 'harassed and helpless' crowds (Matthew 9:36) and his works of healing were always prompted by compassion for people's suffering.

The father in the parable of the Prodigal Son is described as being filled with compassion. 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.' (Luke 15:20) The father seems to understand everything that his son is feeling and responds by giving him everything he needs: a whole-hearted welcome, acceptance and love.



*Clothe yourself
with compassion
Colossians 3.12*



COMPASSION



‘Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’

Colossians 3.12

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
(Aesop)



Have you shown an act of kindness today?

No one has ever
become poor by
giving.
*(From the Diary
of Anne Frank)*



Can you explain what Anne Frank means?

If you want others to be
happy, practise **compassion**.
If you want to be happy,
practise **compassion**.
(Dalai Lama)



How does practising **compassion** make you happy?

Wherever there is a
human being, there
is an opportunity for
kindness.
*(Seneca, a Roman
philosopher)*



Do you think of everyone you meet as offering an opportunity to be kind?

Prayers.....

A Prayer for Compassion

Jesus help my eyes to see, all the good you send for me.

Jesus help my ears to hear, calls for help from far and near

Jesus help my feet to go, in the way that you will show,

Jesus help my hands to do, all things loving, kind and true.

Amen



Prayer for compassion and kindness

Lord Jesus

During your life on earth you showed compassion and kindness to so many people who were suffering and unhappy.

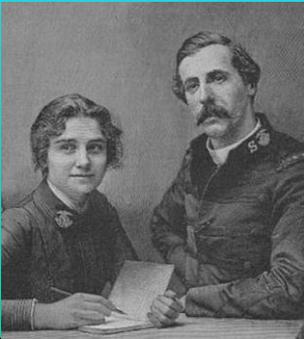
Thank you for people who have shown compassion and kindness to us and given us the courage to keep going even when times were tough.

Remind us this week, when we put on our school uniform, to put on the attitudes of compassion and kindness in all that we do.

Amen.

Inspirational Christian People

William and Catherine Booth



Florence Nightingale



Thomas Barnardo



Gladys Aylward



Generosity



God wants us to love others as we love ourselves.
Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.

Jesus says “Love your neighbour as yourself”.

Do you make sacrifices to give to others?

God is generous to us through his gift of creation - all the wonderful places where we can appreciate the wonder of God’s world.

Bible Verse

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9 v 7





GENEROSITY



‘God loves a cheerful giver.’

2 Corinthians 9.7

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out. *(Frank A Clark)*

‘If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one.’ *(Mother Teresa)*



Have you ever been **generous** without telling anyone?



Remember one small way you have shown **generosity** to one person. (You don’t always have to do big things for lots of people.)

A community flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit. *(A Greek proverb)*

Use what talent you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best. *(Henry Van Dyke)*



When has your **generosity** served to help future generations?



Have you ever been put off doing what you are able to do because someone might be able to do it better?

Prayers.....

John Wesley Prayer

Dear Lord,
Help us to be generous and
Do all the good we can,
By all the means we can,
In all the ways we can,
In all the places we can,
At all the times we can,
To all the people we can,
As long as ever we can.
Amen.



Generosity Prayer

Father God

We praise you for all that you have
generously given to us.

Thank you for families and friends,
Thank you for our bodies, our minds and
all that makes
us unique as your children.

Inspire us to be generous in return

Sharing what we have willingly and
cheerfully,

In the name of your Son Jesus, who gave
his life for us.

Amen

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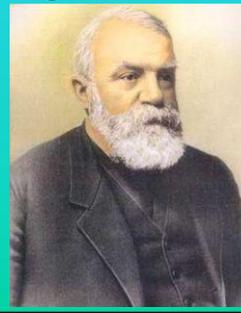
Susanna Wesley



Hannah More



Dwight L Moody



Katie Luther





Thankfulness



- We are thankful for the way in which God loves and cares for us in many different ways throughout our lives.
- We can show others that we are thankful through our actions and words
- Thankfulness is about not taking things for granted and showing our gratitude for the people and the things around us.



Bible Verse
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6



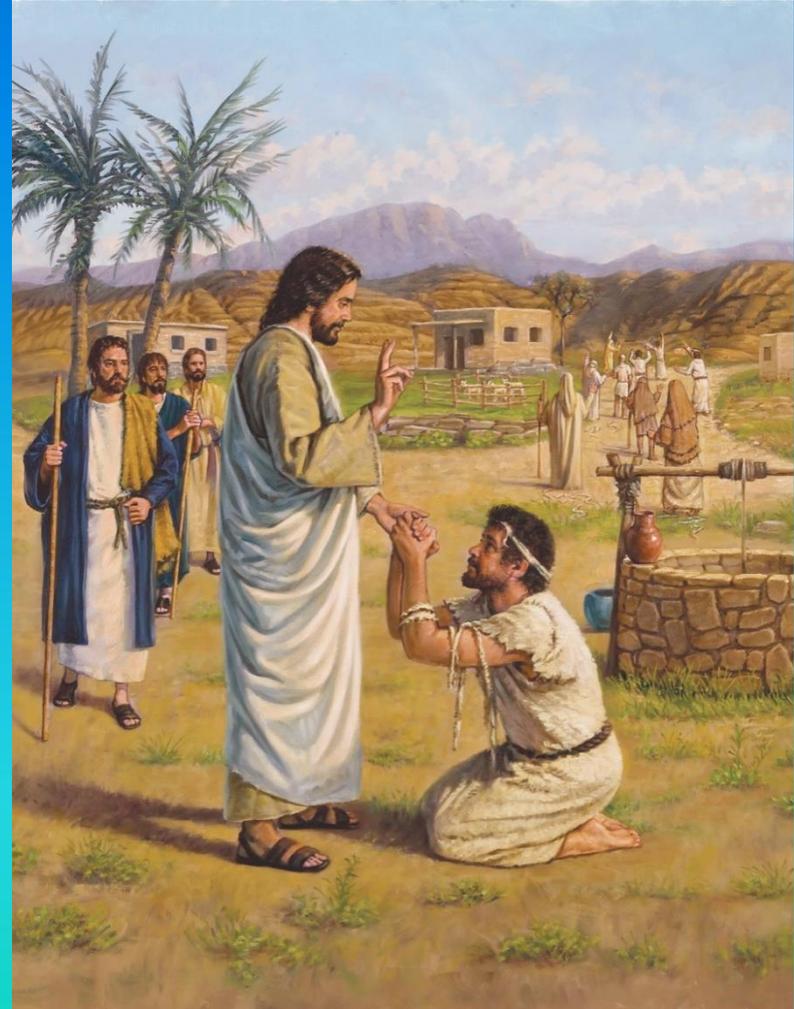
Theological Background.....

Thankfulness has always been at the centre of the life and worship of God's people..

Thankfulness is directed towards God who gives and sustains life. Seeing the world as God's creation underpins the way we approach everything in life, seeing it as a gift and not as a right.

Thankfulness is important. Luke tells the story of the ten lepers who were healed and is probably challenging his readers to examine themselves when he tells of the amazement of Jesus that only one, a Samaritan, came back to thank him. (Luke 17:11-19).

Thankfulness is a wholehearted response. Paul frequently encourages us to 'be thankful' (Colossians 3:15), to 'give thanks in all circumstances' (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and says that our lives should 'overflow with thankfulness' (Colossians 2:7).





THANKFULNESS



‘Always be thankful.’

1 Thessalonians 5.16

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

It is not happy people who are **thankful**; it is **thankful** people who are happy.
(Anon)

Write your troubles in the sand, but carve your blessings in stone.
(Anon)



Think about your friends. Which of them always seems **thankful** and happy?



What do you think this proverb means? Try to put it into your own words.

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.
(Alice Morse Earle)

When eating a fruit think of the person who planted the tree.
(A Vietnamese proverb)



At night do you look back on the day and remember the good things?



What would you like to achieve in your life, that will make future generations **thankful**?

Prayers.....

Give thanks prayer

Dear God,
We know that you love us and always
want the best for us.
Help us to look for the things for which
we can give **thanks**.

Amen

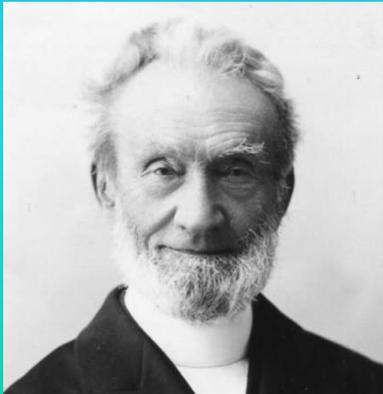


Thankfulness Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for the world we
live in.
Thank you for our family and
friends.
Thank you for our food and
our clothes. Thank you for
everything we have.
Amen.

Inspirational Christian People

George
Muller



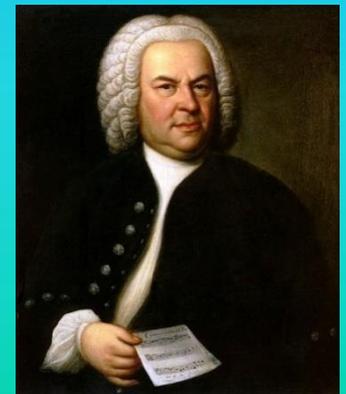
Michelle
Obama



Maya
Angelou



Johann Sebastian
Bach





Friendship



We call God our friend and know that we can trust him.
Jesus shows us how to be a good friend.

We help each other to make up when friendships have been broken
We know how to help our friends when they are in trouble or unhappy.

Bible Verse

(Jesus' words at the Last Supper) 'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.' **John 15: 13-14**



Theological Background.....

Friendship is an undisputed value in our society, with children often spending more time with their friends.

The Bible has many sayings about friendship:

‘A friend loves at all times.’ (Proverbs 17:17)

‘Friends are not afraid to tell each other the truth and a friend’s loving criticism is worth more than the empty compliments of someone who does not really care for you.’ (Proverbs 27:6)

‘If one falls down, a friend can lift him up’. (Ecclesiastes 4:10)

The friendship of David and Jonathan is very strongly emphasised in the Bible, Abraham is described as the friend of God (James 2:23) and Jesus explicitly calls his disciples not servants but friends (John 15:14 - 15).

Trust, feeling comfortable in each other’s company, being able to share joys and sorrows are all features of friendship. True friendship enables each person to grow and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised.





FRIENDSHIP



‘Encourage one another and build each other up.’

1 Thessalonians 5.11

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Friends are like the walls of a house. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes you lean on them, but sometimes it's enough to know they're just standing by.
(Anon)

Good **friends** are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.
(Anon)

? Is this a good way to describe friends? Why?

? Do you have a **friend** who lives far away? How do you stay in touch and keep your **friendship** strong?

A real **friend** is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.
(Walter Winchell)

If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember: you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.
(Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh – A. A. Milne)

? Can you remember a time when you supported your **friend** when they felt alone?

? A true **friend** brings out the best in you. How might you do this for one of your friends?

Prayers.....

A prayer for God's friendship

Lord, please go before us, to lead:
walk beside us,
to befriend;
be above us,
to protect ;
stay behind us,
to direct;
be beneath us,
to support;
and enfold us in your love. Amen



Prayer of encouragement

Leader: Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of our friends.

At every opportunity help us to

All: encourage one another and build each other up.

Leader: Make us aware when our friends are sad or feel that they have failed. Help us to

All: encourage one another and build each other up.

Leader: When we are tempted to be negative or criticise our friends, instead, help us to

All: encourage one another and build each other up.

Amen

Inspirational Christian People

Walter Winchell



Katie Davis Majors



Mother Teresa



Nabeel Qureshi





Truthfulness



Truthfulness is about treating others in a way that is honest and fair. We can read about truthfulness in the bible in the way in which Jesus lived his life.

Making the right choices shows that we are being truthful to Jesus. Serving others by 'going the extra mile' is a way of being truthful to God.





TRUTH and TRUTHFULNESS



‘Tell the truth to each other.’

Zechariah 8.16

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Be **truthful**, gentle and fearless.
(Mahatma Gandhi)



Why do you think Gandhi believed the **truth** should be told with gentleness?

Three things cannot long be hidden: the sun, the moon and the **truth**.
(Buddha)



What do you think the Buddha meant?

To make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe.
(Carl Sagan)



Searching after the **truth** needs us to think of the ‘big questions’.
What are your big questions?

Truth is complete, it needs no exaggeration.
(Anon)



It is sometimes tempting to exaggerate the **truth** to make something sound more impressive or exciting. Have you ever known this to happen?

Prayers.....

Shining Lights Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
Help us to shine as lights,
to be **truthful** and honest
in all we do.
Amen



Honesty Prayer

God of truth,
We thank you for the peace we feel
when we are **truthful**,
and the way you trouble us inside when
we tell lies.
Give us courage to be honest, whatever
the cost.
Amen

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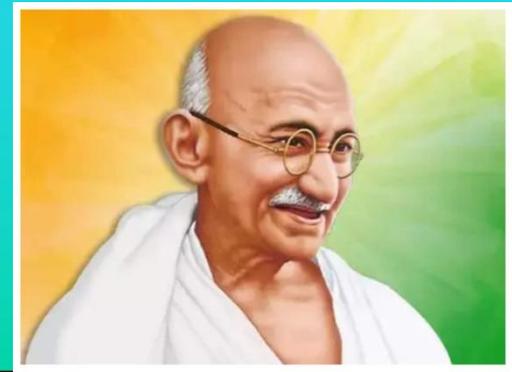
John Knox



Edward VI



Mahatma Gandhi





Courage



As Christians we have the courage to believe that God is always with us.

This belief gives us the strength to face danger, overcome fear and make a stand for what is right.

In our prayers we can ask God to give us the strength to be courageous in our lives and to make the right choices.





COURAGE



‘Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’

Joshua 1.9

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes **courage** is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.
(Mary Anne Radmacher)

Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it.
(Mark Twain)



Can you remember a time when you thought I've just got to keep trying?



Everyone feels scared sometimes. Have you ever overcome your fears and achieved something that you're proud of?

A person cannot discover new oceans unless he has the **courage** to lose sight of the shore.
(André Gide)

If you have the **courage** to begin, you have the **courage** to succeed.
(David Viscott)



When did you last step outside your comfort zone to try something new?



Do you need **courage** to make a start on something new?

Prayers.....

Prayer for courage

Father God

Give us the strength to accept the things we cannot change,
the courage to change the things we can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Amen

Facing challenges prayer

Dear Lord,

Give us your strength to face challenges.
Help us to remember that sometimes we need to take small steps to begin with, but it's starting the journey that matters.

Thank you that just as you promised to be with Moses,

You have also promised to be with us wherever the journey leads us.

Amen

Prayer for courage to face all that lies ahead

Loving God

Our adventurous Creator,

Give us courage to choose the path before us,

Risking disappointment to find joy,

Risking failure to be creative,

Risking rejection so that we might love,

Risking stumbling so that we might climb,

Risking the journey for the sake of the homecoming.

We ask in the name of Jesus,

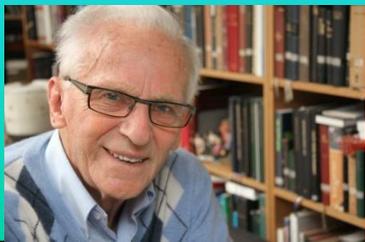
Who risked living and dying for love of us.

Amen



Inspirational Christian People

Brother Andrew



Joni Ereckson Tada



John Wycliffe



Richard Wurmbrand





Hope



God promises 'that love and goodness have and will in the end overcome all evil'. This promise gives us hope in our lives.

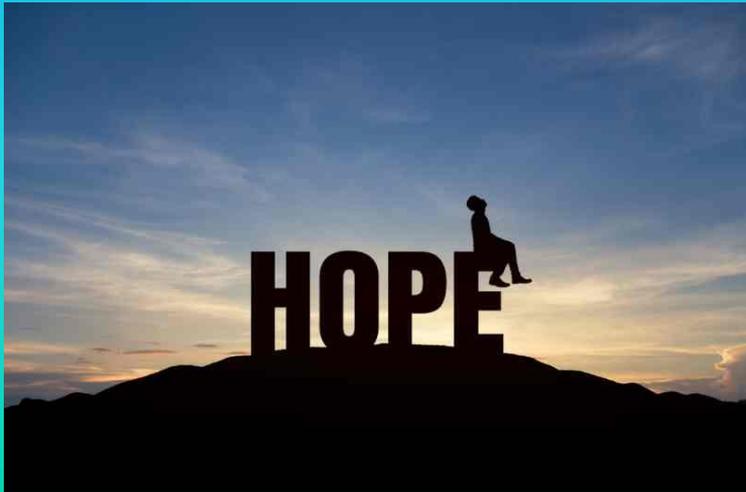
Jesus brought light and hope to the world.

We can bring hope to others who feel they are living in darkness by living our lives as Jesus would want us to.

With God's help , we can play a part in doing what we can to make the world a better place.

Bible Verse

Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 13:13).



Theological Background.....

Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times. True hope is much more than a general idea that things will get better. Christian hope is grounded in the character of God. It is a hope rooted in the love and faithfulness of God. Hope is a firm assurance that God can be relied upon.

Paul says: 'We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.' (Romans 5:3-4)

Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Christian hope for the future has its guarantee in the resurrection of Jesus. Christian hope means trusting in the loving purposes of God. It means believing that, ultimately, we are destined to share in that goodness because of what Jesus has done.



HOPE



'MAY THE GOD OF HOPE
FILL YOU WITH
JOY AND PEACE.'

ROMANS 15:13

Prayers.....

Lord Jesus,
you have the power to make a
difference in people's lives.
We ask you to bring hope to
anyone who feels poorly or sad
or hopeless today.

Amen



Lord Jesus,
Hope overcomes Hope
heals
Hope restores Hope
inspires
Hope conquers Hope
frees
Hope is your gift to the
world
Thank you
Amen.

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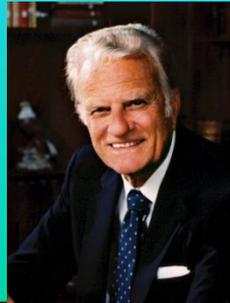
Chris Horst



William Carey



Billy Graham



Jackie Pullinger



Louis Braille





Peace



Jesus said 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.'

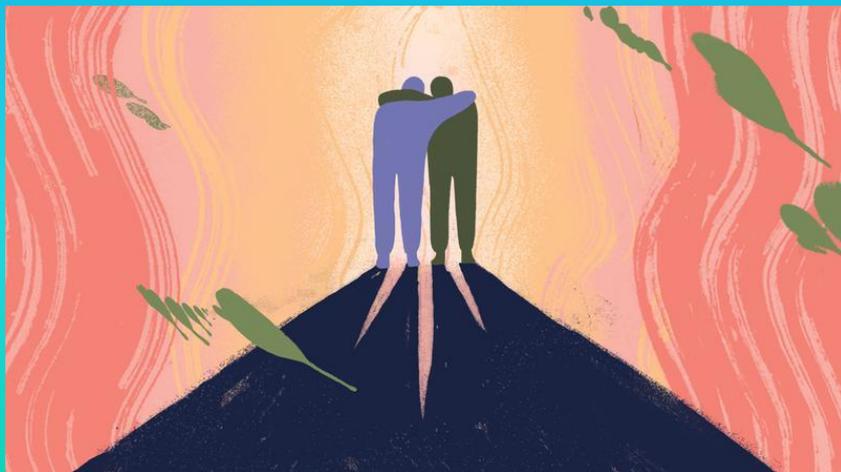
At quiet times, we can feel at peace with God and know that he is there with us.

He helps us to find ways to make peace with one another when we disagree.

Jesus said 'The peace of the Lord be always with you.'

Bible Verse

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Matthew 5:19



Theological Background.....

The Hebrew term for peace, 'shalom' means harmony, stability and security within a community. It refers to relationships based on truth and righteousness, where people flourish because they are nurtured.

Paul describes God as the God of peace, the Christian message is called the 'gospel of peace' and peace is one of the 'fruits of the Spirit'. It seems that humankind has to learn and re-learn the message of peace.

Peter, quoting the Psalms, says we must 'seek peace and pursue it' (1 Peter 3:11). Jesus blesses those who are 'peacemakers' and calls them 'sons of God'.

Peace is founded on righteousness and justice. Christians are called to share in Christ's work of restoring wholeness. The Christian vision is far-reaching and challenging: harmony.



PEACE



'MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.'

JOHN 14:27

Prayers.....

Lord Jesus

Thank you for places of peace,
where our minds can be still
and our hearts can be open to
you. Amen



Jesus,
calm the storm.
When I'm worried and
afraid, Bring your
peace and love.
Amen

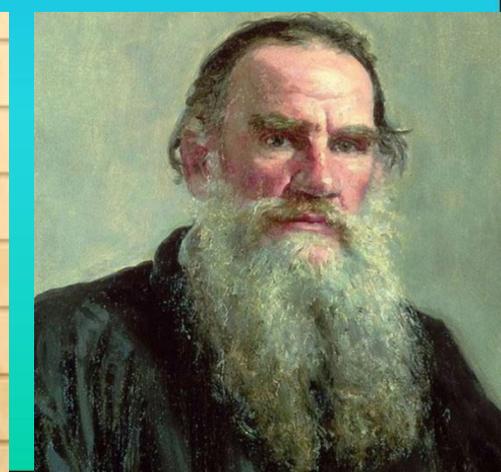
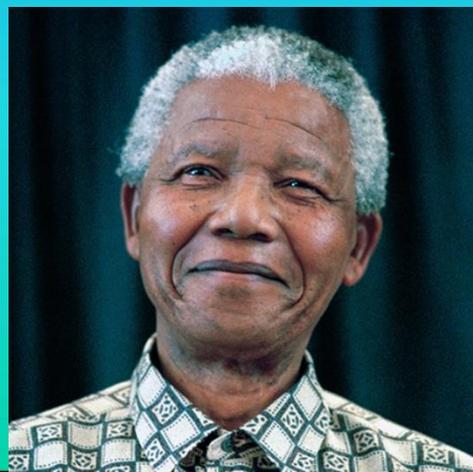
Inspirational Christian People

John Kirby

Nelson Mandela

Malala Yousafzia

Leo Tolstoy





Forgiveness



We all make mistakes from time to time and we all need forgiveness from God and each other.

God's love is so great that forgiveness is always possible. The life of our school community is built on the idea of forgiveness and acceptance of all.

We do not stop loving someone when they make mistakes. We should forgive them and accept that they are sorry.

Bible Verse

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14



Theological Background.....

Forgiveness is fundamental to the character of God. Throughout the Bible, God is described as slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin (Numbers 14:18). Jesus was uncompromising in his command to forgive. Forgive, he said, 'seventy times seven' (Matthew 18:21). In other words, forgive and keep on forgiving without limit. Forgiveness was at the heart of everything he did and is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer.

Paul says: 'Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' (Ephesians 4:32) Forgiveness cannot be given or received unless it is asked for, and the asking must be genuine and from the heart.





FORGIVENESS



'Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.'

Colossians 3.13

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

It takes a strong person to say sorry, and an even stronger person to **forgive**.
(Anon)

Forgiveness is a funny thing, it warms the heart and cools the sting.
(William Arthur Ward)



Have you ever found **forgiving** someone very hard to do?



What do you think these words of wisdom mean?

As I walked out of the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison.
(Nelson Mandela)

When you **forgive** you don't change the past, but you do change the future.
(Bernard Meltzer)



Why do you think Nelson Mandela's example of **forgiveness** has inspired so many people?



Can you think of a time when the future has been changed by an act of **forgiveness**?

Prayers.....

A teaspoon (tsp) prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you that you offer **forgiveness** to all, through Jesus.

Sorry for the times when we have been slow to say sorry to others or not quick enough to forgive.

Please help us to ask for **forgiveness** when we make a mistake and to accept an apology kindly.
Amen

Lord Jesus

Help us to be ready to show **forgiveness** to others, As you are ready to show **forgiveness** to us.

Amen



A new leaf prayer

Father God,

You offer **forgiveness** to us today just as you did to Zacchaeus 2000 years ago.

Like Zacchaeus, help us to turn over a new leaf and begin again.

Help us to show others we are sorry by the way we behave.

Amen

A new beginning prayer

Father God

You are always ready to **forgive**.

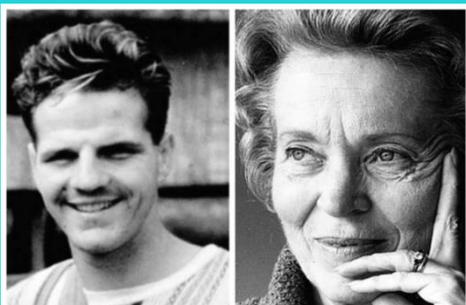
Make us always ready to receive your **forgiveness**

and to make a new beginning.

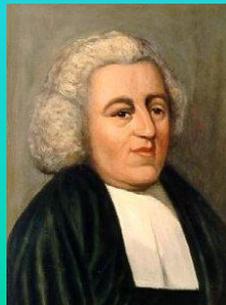
Amen

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Jim and Elisabeth Elliot



John Newton



Corrie Ten Boom



John Bunyan



Trust

Who do you trust?
Are you someone who can be trusted?



We can show people that we can be trusted through our actions and words.

We can trust God to be with us in difficult times.
Whether our lives are calm and peaceful or stormy and scary, we know that God is with us and can be trusted by us.

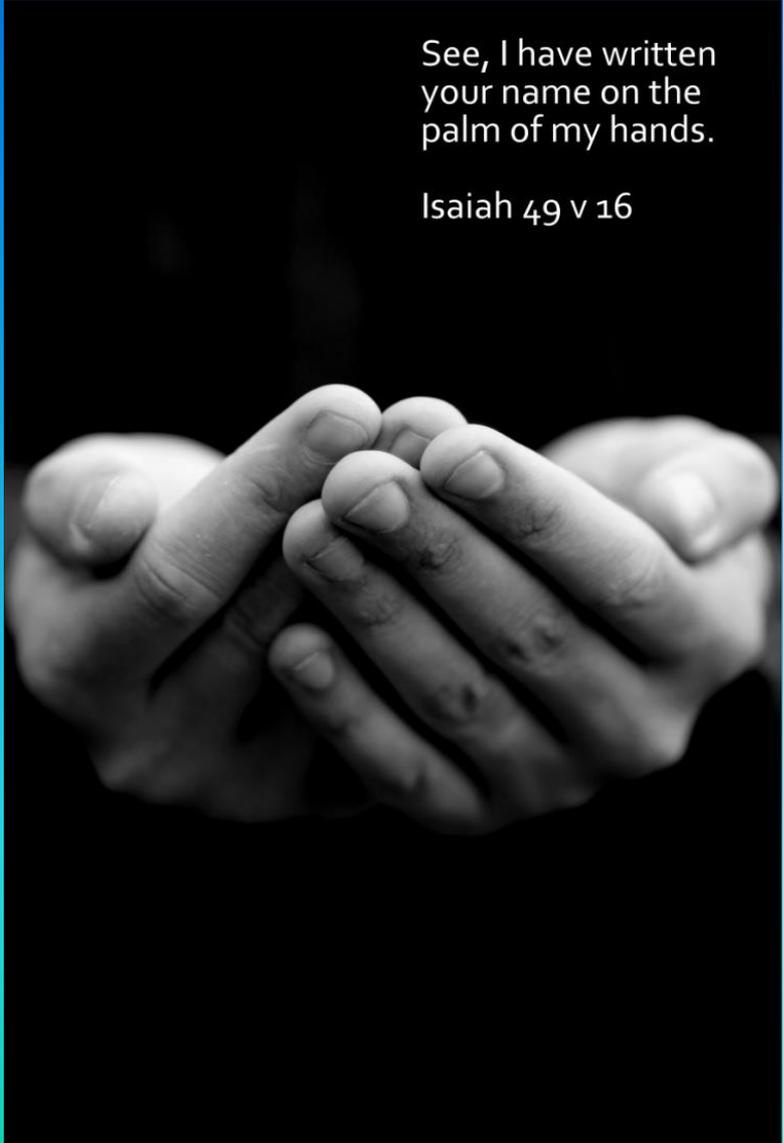
Bible Verse

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



Theological Background.....

Trust is the very essence of faith; trust in the God who is trustworthy. 'Trust in the Lord' is a central theme in the Psalms. Trust is essential to human life and lies at the heart of all relationships. Trust entails vulnerability, putting yourself in others' hands. We have to trust experts - pilots, dentists, surgeons. Trust is central to civilised society, to living together in harmony, so it is to be valued and honoured. With wisdom and discernment, we can relearn to trust. We can begin to rebuild trust in our mistrustful society by being reliable ourselves, by not letting people down. Similarly, when we work with others, if we are willing to let go of control ourselves and trust in the abilities and integrity of others, everyone can be enriched. Jesus, after all, entrusted his ongoing work to his disciples and ultimately to us.



See, I have written
your name on the
palm of my hands.

Isaiah 49 v 16



TRUST



‘My God is my strength in whom I trust.’

Psalm 18.2

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Never be afraid to **trust** an unknown future to a known God.
(Corrie Ten Boom)



Corrie Ten Boom faced many risks and challenges in her life. She got through them because she **trusted** God to provide what she needed. Do you **trust** God to help you?



Can you remember an occasion when you surprised yourself by what you were able to achieve?

Trust is the most valuable thing you will ever earn.
(Anon)



How **trustworthy** are you?



What do you think this saying means? Try to put it into your own words.

Trust takes years to build, seconds to break.
(Anon)

Prayers.....

Prayer for Trust in God

Loving God,

We thank you for Mary's
trust in you.

Help us to **trust** you

to lead us and direct us throughout our
lives.

Amen



Promises Prayer

Leader: God of Love...

When we feel let down by others,
we know...

All: your promises can be trusted.

Leader: When we need courage
to face the future, we know...

All: your promises can be trusted.

Leader: When we feel lonely and
sad, we know...

All: your promises can be trusted.

Amen.

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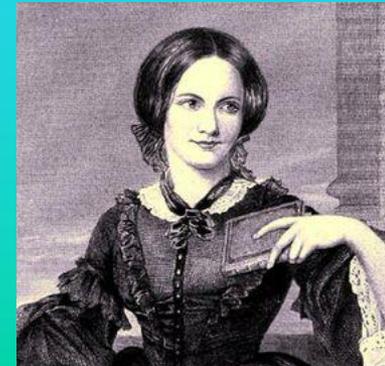
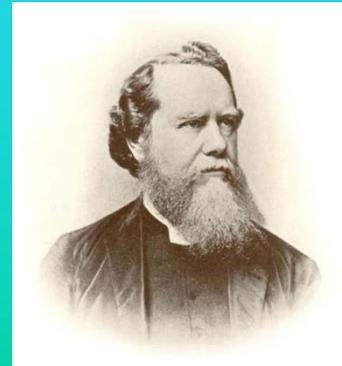
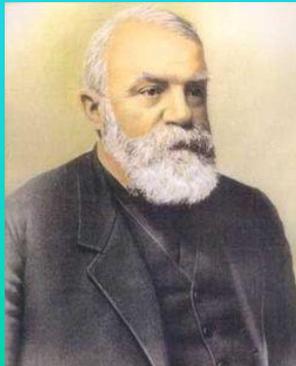
William Tyndale

Dwight L Moody

Mary Slessor

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Service / Humility



Jesus was both a servant and a king. He showed this throughout his life. Jesus taught his disciples how to be humble and we can do the same through our actions and words.

We can serve one another just as Jesus did his friends. We can ask God to help us to look out for the needs of one another and put them before ourselves.

Bible Verse

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2



Theological Background.....

Humility has a central place in Christ's teaching. It is contrasted with pride, where people ascribe to themselves the honour and glory which is God's alone. Jesus taught his followers that if they wished to enter the Kingdom of Heaven they must be like children. Throughout his teaching, Jesus uses a series of images and examples to encourage his disciples to 'take the lower place', or 'to wash each other's feet.'

The Bible makes it clear that God is on the side of the humble and against the proud. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector, Jesus criticises those who are 'confident in their own righteousness' (Luke 18:9-14).

Christians are called to a humility that challenges the values of our surrounding culture. Humility always recognises that our gifts are from God.





SERVICE



‘Serve one another in love.’

Galatians 5.13

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Life is never so busy that there is no time to **serve**.
(Anon)

You are what you do, not what you say you will do.
(C. G. Jung)

? Can you remember ever thinking that you were too busy to help someone in need?

? Is there something important that you have never got around to doing?

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.
(Edmund Burke)

No joy can equal the joy of **serving** others.
(Sai Baba)

? Can you think of a small act of **service** by someone else that made a big difference to you?

? Think of a time when helping someone else made you feel joyful.

Prayers.....

Father God,

Thank you for the many different skills, gifts and qualities you have given us,

Help us to serve others with willing hands (*lift hands in front of you*),

with generous hearts (*put hand on heart*)

and with kind words (*move hand away from mouth*).

Use our eyes and ears to notice how others serve us (*point to eyes and ears*)

and remind us to show our gratitude and thanks

to our teachers (*point towards a teacher*),

helpers in school (*point towards the playground*),

our parents (*point towards the school gates*)

and our friends (*sweeping gesture*).

In serving others in love, may we also serve you. Amen



Service with a smile prayer

Dear Father

Help us to serve with a smile,
to take pleasure in helping
others,

knowing that we are doing
our best

to follow your example.

Amen

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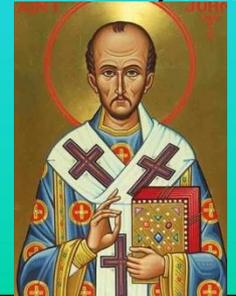
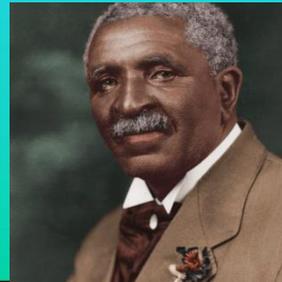
Amy Carmichael



John Calvin



George Washington Carver John Chrysostom





Respect:

The most important way that we help and support those who are important to us is to pray for them.

Each one of us is unique and everyone is special.

It is important to respect and value difference.

Jesus recognises those differences and respects us all as his friends.

We are asked by God to respect each other in the same way that Jesus did.

Bible Verse

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Matthew 7:12



Theological Background.....

As Moses approached the presence of God in the burning bush, God said to him: 'Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.' This scene captures something of the essence of 'reverence.'

Reverence is the proper human response to what is holy and sacred. It is related to awe and respect. It is this profound respect that is expressed in the Biblical phrase 'the fear of the Lord'. This is not fear in the sense of terror or abject grovelling but a reverent acknowledgment of God's greatness and our complete dependence. Such reverence is the proper response to the mystery of life and death, or to the created world in which we live. This profound respect for God is the spring from which true worship flows. Although only God is truly worthy of reverence and worship, the Bible also contains the related concept of 'honouring'. We are asked to honour one another and one of the ten commandments instructs us to honour our father and mother.





RESPECT



'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

Matthew 7.12

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Nobody can be happy without **self-respect**.
(Jean-Jacques Rousseau)

Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it.
(J. Johnson)



Why is **self-respect** important?



Who do you **respect**? Why do they deserve it?

Respect people's feelings. Even if it doesn't mean anything to you, it could mean everything to them.
(J. Johnson)

Respect - give it to get it!
(Anon)



How do you feel when people don't show you **respect**?



How can you show **respect**? What are the ways we can show **respect**?

Prayers.....

Prayer for Forgiveness and Respect

Leader: Lord, sometimes we are rude and cross.

Please forgive us,

All: and help us show respect.

Leader: Lord, sometimes we don't listen to others.

Please forgive us,

All: and help us show respect.

Leader: Lord, sometimes we only think of ourselves. Please forgive us,

All: and help us show respect.

Amen.



A Prayer for Respect

Father God

Open our eyes to value and appreciate all people.

Help us to recognise what we have in common

and **respect** what makes each of us unique.

Amen.

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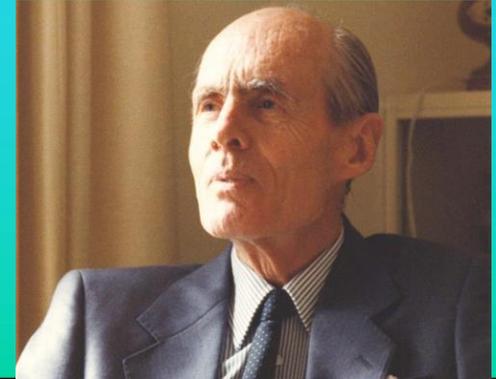
Elizabeth Fry



Josephine Butler



Leonard Cheshire



Wisdom



The wisdom of Jesus is evident in his early years.
Jesus grew in wisdom

Jesus' wisdom is seen in the stories he told. They invite us to see things in a different way.

We should listen to Jesus' teachings and put them into practice in our own lives.

We need to follow the example of Jesus.

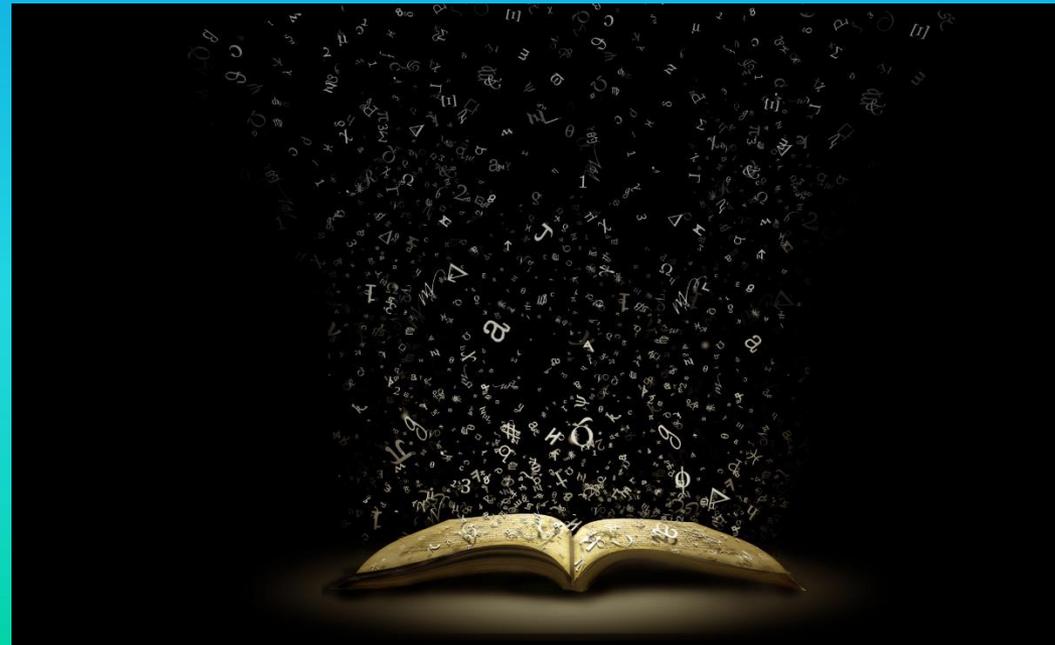


WISDOM



'BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO FIND WISDOM.'

PROVERBS 3:13



Prayers.....

A prayer for wisdom

Voice 1: Father God

When we feel confused about a decision
we need to make,

Voice 2: give us a clear head.

Voice 1: When we are tempted to
jump to a conclusion,

Voice 2: give us patience to hear both sides.

Voice 1: When we are not sure about the truth

Voice 2: give us your wisdom.

All: Amen.



Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank you for the power of questions:
their power to challenge our attitudes,
their power to make us think more
deeply,

their power to help us reflect, and
their power to grow our understanding.

Give us the **wisdom** to ask good
questions as

we look to you as our example and
teacher.

Amen

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Robert Raikes



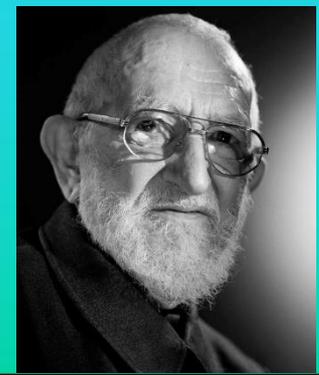
John Wesley



Eric Liddle



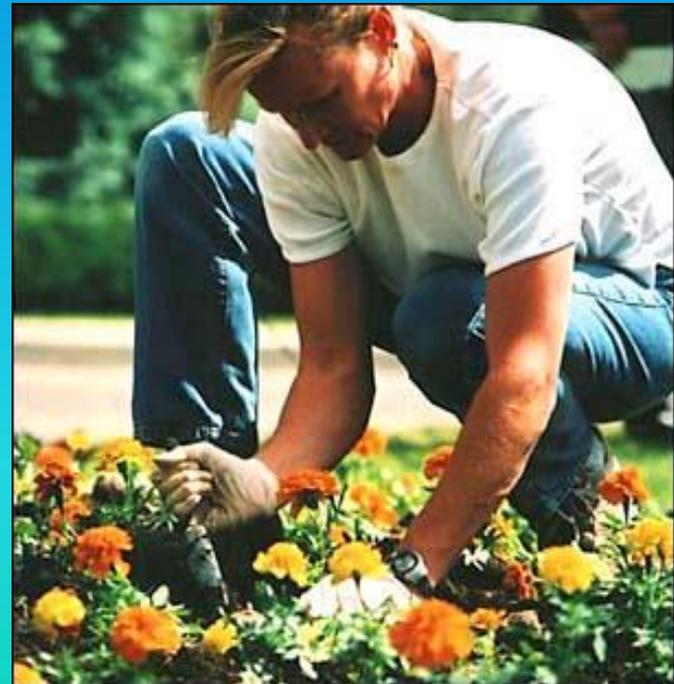
Abbe Pierre



Creativity

Our world is a gift from God
He has trusted us to look after it and care for our environment.
In our prayers we can ask God to help us care for the little bit of
our planet that we live in.

We give thanks for our school and its beautiful surroundings .
We promise to take care of it .



The Hand Prayer

Look at your thumb, it is closest to you. It can remind you to pray for your friends. Look at your index finger, we use it to point the way. It can remind us to pray for the people who guide and teach us, people like our parents and carers, the teachers and head teacher in our school.

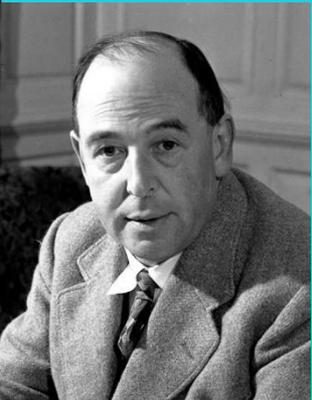
Look at your middle finger, it is the tallest and can remind you to pray for world leaders and politicians who make important decisions in the world.

Look at your fourth finger, it is the weakest of all the fingers and can remind you to pray for those in need. They may be people you know who are poorly or sad or perhaps people you've heard about from the news who are living in war zones or are facing famine or coping with another type of disaster.

Finally look at your little finger, it can remind you to remember to pray for yourself. God loves you and wants the very best for you.

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