

Light of the World PRAY FOR

Day 5 –:

LOOK... and be curious. Thank GOD.

Tuesday: Pray for LOOK... and be curious.

WAIT... with prayerful expectation.

Come Holy Spirit: Thy Kingdom Come.

READ... the text with an open mind.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. (Matthew 5:43-45)

LISTEN... for a word with a willing heart.

WAIT with prayerful expectation.

RESPOND... with prayer and action.

O God, who in Jesus gave us an example of how to embrace pain and opposition,

as we enjoy both sun and rain

from our common humanity help us to pray intently for the redeeming and blessing of our blue and green planet.

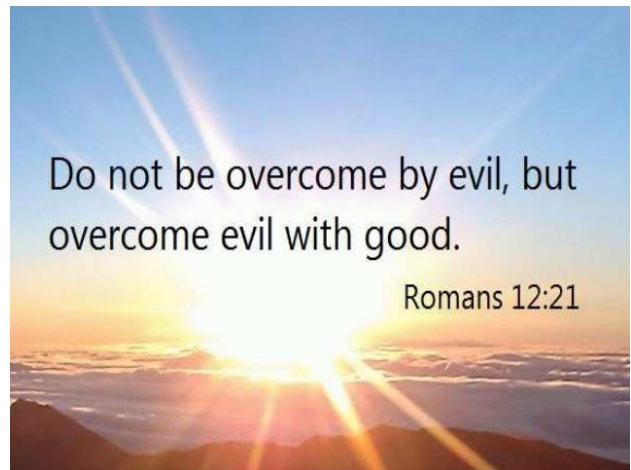
In Jesus' name. Amen.

FOLLOWING JESUS does not mean imitating Jesus, copying his way of doing things. If we imitate someone, we are not developing an intimate relationship with that person. Instead, following Jesus means to give our own unique form, our own unique incarnation, to God's love. To follow Jesus means to live our lives as authentically as he lived his. It means to give away our ego and follow the God of love as Jesus shows us how to do it.

Loving our enemies is the core of the Christian message and the challenge that Jesus presents us. If we want to know what Jesus is about, and what following Jesus is about, then the call to love our enemies is as close to the center as we can get.

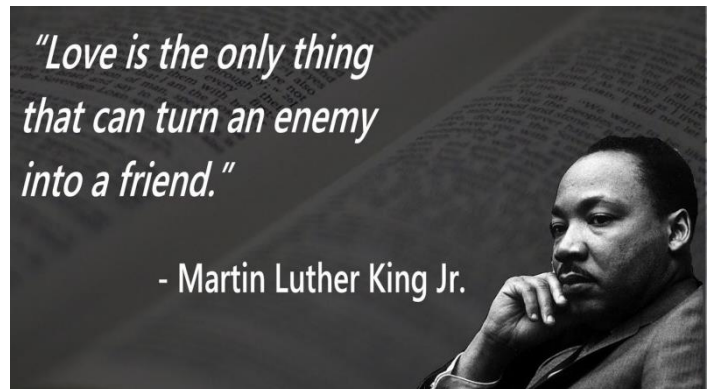
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A Spirituality of Homecoming



Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21



"Love is the only thing that can turn an enemy into a friend."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I am found;
was blind but now I see.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
following Your example and command,
we pray for our enemies today.
We ask first that You would saturate our
lives with the Holy Spirit's power and
might.
Send Your love flowing through us,
and forgive us for holding on to anything
that could hinder our prayers.
We release any unforgiveness,
thoughts of revenge,
or hateful emotions
that can quench Your Spirit in our hearts.
Then give us wisdom as we seek how to
bless, to love, and to pray for our enemies.
Amen.*