



Prayer Space N° 25 -February 2022

Love

As distractions drift up to the top of your mind, acknowledge them and put them to one side.

As worries or anxious thoughts occur, hand them over to God. As feelings of guilt or recent regret emerge, tell God about it and let him know you are sorry.

Allow Him to forgive you

Silence

Where ever love is, there is God.

What kind of love is God's love?

It is love that forgives

and then forgives

and forgives again.

It is love that rolls up its sleeves

and gets involved in caring

and mending and building

It is love that is quite happy

to be considered a fool, to be considered weak.

it is love that goes on giving

but keeps no accounts;

love that is non-selective

and unconditional.

This is the nature of God's love

for this is the nature of our God.

Thank God for the way He loves us unconditionally, even when he knows the worst as well as the best about you!

Now bask in the warmth and affection of his love.

Silence

Read Corinthians 13:1-7

Suppose I speak in the languages of human beings or of angels. If I don't have love, I am only a loud gong or a noisy cymbal. ² Suppose I have the gift of prophecy. Suppose I can understand all the secret things of God and know everything about him. And suppose I have enough faith to move mountains. If I don't have love, I am nothing at all. ³ Suppose I give everything I have to poor people. And suppose I give myself over to a difficult life so I can brag. If I don't have love, I get nothing at all.

⁴ Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. ⁶ Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. ⁷ It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.

God is love. Through this reading we can understand more about the character of God. Take time in the coming days to ponder on this reading.

Knowing God's immense love for us all let us bring to mind those who feel unloved, those taught to hate, those seeking you but not finding you in the noise of their lives. We bring to mind those who reject you because of our poor example.

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this the world shall know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
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Lord may the light of your love so shine to others that they are drawn to know the joy of your love for themselves.

Amen

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