



# Title: Agape

## **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

### Scripture

Lord,

We thank you for all those who love and care for us; We thank you for those whom we love. Give us hearts that are filled with love, not just for those we know but for all who need to feel love at this time.

We ask this in your name, Amen



## **Pray for:**

- People in our communities who are lonely or sad.
- People who lack love in their lives.

Dear Lord,

We are the seed of Notre Dame and we can grow together as a family if we love our neighbours the way God taught us to.

Our college Mission Week helps us to have faith to accept that with his gift nothing will be impossible so we can truly live out St Julie's message to "do small things with great love".

St Julie and Françoise pray for us, protect us and bless us.

## Reflect:

This week we are focusing on LOVE. We can show signs of love to others in our community by: going out of your way to help another is exactly what Jesus asked of us when he shared the story of The Good Samaritan. Those of you who are actively involved in raising money our College community are being good Samaritans, you are going out of your way to help someone in need.

Why is LOVE important?

How many different kinds of LOVE are there?

How is the charity in College a sign of LOVE?

How else can you show and share LOVE?

Focus on  
one each  
day

## **Prayer in action this week:**

Be a 'Good Samaritan' to someone.

- Undertake a small, unseen act of kindness.
- Tell someone you love how much they mean to you.
- Make someone smile.

## ***Everyone Needs Someone***

People need people and friends need friends  
And we all need love, for a full life depends  
Not on vast riches or great acclaim,  
Not on success or on worldly fame,  
But just in knowing that someone cares  
And holds us close in their thoughts and prayers-  
For only the knowledge that we're understood  
Makes everyday living feel wonderfully good,  
And we rob ourselves of life's greatest need  
When we "lock up our hearts" and fail to heed  
The outstretched hand reaching to find  
A kindred spirit whose heart and mind  
Are lonely and longing to somehow share  
Our joys and sorrows and to make us aware  
That life's completeness and richness depends  
On the things we share with our loved ones and friends.

*Helen Steiner Rice*

Lord,  
each day we are called to  
show love in so many  
different ways and each  
day we also miss or ignore  
opportunities to show love  
- help us to share the love  
you give to us with those  
who cross our path each  
day.

**Amen**

Lord, we ask that we can follow  
the example set by St  
Vincent de Paul. Help us to look  
out for opportunities to show  
Christian love by our actions  
towards others this week. Let  
us take time from our own busy  
lives to help others in their  
moment of need. AMEN

## **A guided silent prayer for those we love and those who love us:**

Sign of the Cross

Pause for a moment in silence and call to mind all  
those people you love - family, friends, neighbours...

*(Pause in silence for as long as feels appropriate...)*

Now think about how you treat those people, how you  
speak to them, the time you spend with them, the  
things you do (or don't do for them)...

*(Pause in silence for as long as feels appropriate...)*

Now call to mind those who love YOU—what do they  
do for you, how do they show their love...?

*(Pause in silence for as long as feels appropriate...)*

In your own silent way thank God for those you love  
and who love you...

*(Pause in silence for as long as feels appropriate...)*

To end our prayer we say together:

**AMEN**

Give us O God:

Thoughts that turn into prayer,

Prayer that turns into love,

Love that turns into action.

Amen

"We must love our neighbour as being made in  
the image of God and as an object of his love"  
St Vincent de Paul

