

Advent- Love



Scripture

Reflect: The final week of Advent we are focusing on Love. Perhaps the greatest way we as a College community are signs of love this Advent is through our efforts for the Advent challenge. Going out of our way to help another is exactly what Jesus asked of us when he shared the story of the Good Samaritan.

Why is love important?

How many different kinds of love are there?

How is the Advent challenge a sign of love?

Luke 3:1-6

It was the fifteenth year of the rule of Emperor Tiberius; Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip was ruler of the territory of Iturea and Trachonitis; Lysanias was ruler of Abilene, and Annas and Caiaphas were High Priests. At that time the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. So John went throughout the whole territory of the Jordan River, preaching, "Turn away from your sins and be baptized, and God will forgive your sins." As it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

"Someone is shouting in the desert:

'Get the road ready for the Lord;
make a straight path for him to travel!

Every valley must be filled up,
every hill and mountain leveled off.

The winding roads must be made straight,
and the rough paths made smooth.

The whole human race will see God's salvation!"

Prayer

Prayer to St Julie Billiart

Saint Julie, through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favoured by many graces.

By your powerful intercession, obtain for us above all, a great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish in all things the adorable will of God, and the special grace we now ardently ask of you.

"We must have courage in the times we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart"

St Julie Billiart



Pray for:

- People in our communities who are lonely or sad.
- People who lack love in their lives
- Migrants, refugees, and all those who are far from home.

Focus on
one each
day

Lord, during the season of Advent teach us how to love, really love, in the way you asked us to. Help us to care for strangers and be patient with those who annoy us, and give us the courage to show how much our loved ones mean to us. Amen

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 outstretching hand reaching to find
A kindred spirit whose heart and mind
Are lonely and longing to somehow share
Our joys and sorrows 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,

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

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

O God, as light comes from the Advent wreath, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Saviour bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

Amen

