

When I.....

When I selfishly cried for love or comfort, you loved me.

When I hit my brother and watched him cry, you loved me.

When I told a lie to get out of trouble, you loved me.

When I said those words that hurt so many, you loved me.

When I put myself first and my family second, you loved me.

When I consumed more than I really needed, you loved me

When I took for granted those who care for me, you loved me

Through all the stages of life, you loved me.

Love without question,

Love without measure,

Love that knows no bounds,

Love undeserved.

Gracious God, thank you.

Amen

Richard Vaultrey , Vice-President of Conference 2009-2010



"And then greatest of these is love"

*1 Corinthians 13 was the set epistle for last Sunday, next Thursday is Valentines day, so this month we are likely to focus on **love**.*

We can show love in so many ways and even if we have no direct contact with people we can still pray for them.

Prayers on love

Our Father God,

I am grateful to you for your infinite love and mercy. Your love is big ,it can forgive our sins. Because of this, loving Father, I ask that you put in my heart the love I need to sincerely forgive my neighbour. Fill my being with goodness so that I may love without discrimination or expecting anything in return. Help me to be a better person each day.

AMEN

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Loving God, you sent your messenger to Mary with news that was perplexing yet full of promise.

Help me to be open to your message of grace and promise today.

Help me to be a messenger of your love to others, and to be a compassionate agent of change in your world.

Amen

Loving God, you came into the world, not to dominate by power, but to show the true strength of love. May your Spirit of peace be active in the world today and may we who love you learn humility.

Amen

Michaela Youngson, President of Conference.

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

Love results in prayer, in acts of kindness, in acts of generosity, in kind words, in words of guidance when the situation warrants it, and sometimes in correction when needed. It is gentle but not weak.

How can we show our love to those around us?