

All Age Message for 20 January 2022 - Love our enemies

We love our families, we love our classmates, we love our teachers, we may also love our neighbours. Jesus teaches us to love everyone, which include our enemies! Oh no! He is my enemy. How can I love him? He treats me bad in school. He also hurts me a lot! No, I cannot love him. It is impossible.

Jesus teaches us “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” This is the golden rule. Jesus talks about loving our enemies and doing good to those who hate us, curse us, and even strike us on the cheek. In other words, our response to others is not predicated on their behaviour. Our response, in fact, is diametrically opposed to the way others treat us. Jesus’ response is to do good to those who do bad to us.

It is possible that we are others’ enemies sometimes, we may have also intentionally or unintentionally harmed others. We know we were doing bad. We know we were doing wrong. We know we hurt others deeply. We dare not to ask others to forgive us. It would be great if we are forgiven. God loves us and forgives us. We are God’s children. We can try to forgive our enemies. We can be like God.

We spread love, we live out love throughout our lives, as God is love. We may all have our enemies, it is even hard for us not to think about them, as well as not to retaliate them. How can we love them? It sounds impossible for us. However, we are all the same in God’s eyes, we are all God’s children. Even our enemies are created by God. As a result, we need to love our neighbours as well as our enemies. Just like parents always love their children.

To love your enemies is not easy, but we can try to step out to forgive our enemies first. Pray to God, ask God to help us to have mercy on others, just as God have mercies on us. Remember our Golden Rule: do to others as you would have them do to you.