



*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land  
and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

## **7th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C Primary**

### **WE GATHER**

Creator God,  
You are the light that surrounds us in love.  
Help us to see this light in the everyday,  
Open our eyes to the many gifts and talents  
you have given us,  
and allow us to shine our own lights every day.

**Amen**

### **WE LISTEN**

#### ***A reading from the Gospel of Luke (6:27)***

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."  
- Jesus

### **WE REFLECT**

Many people would believe that the secret to life is being a good person. In this passage from Luke's gospel, Jesus calls His followers to a higher level of living. He invites those listening to His teaching to love all people, not just those who agree with us, not just our friends we play with, but also our "enemies". Jesus doesn't say that the bad things our enemies might do is okay, but He asks us to show them love anyway. After all, God created everyone – even our enemies. Some year 3 students told me once, "You don't have to be friends with everyone, but you do have to be friendly to everyone". I think they understood what Jesus was saying in the passage that we read. Jesus' words are designed to help us live more like Him. Everyone can be nice to their friends, but it is a lot more challenging to show love to all people, even those who hate us!

Have a think about how Jesus' teaching might change the way you treat the people at school.

How can you show love to everyone – even your enemies?  
Try choosing to be kind to that person who is mean to you.  
Or forgiving someone who has hurt you.  
When someone is mean or hateful, be kind and loving in return.



*"Greater love has no  
one than this, than to  
lay down one's life for  
one's friend."*

- Jesus





## WE PRAY

### **For Love,**

So that we can pass on God's love to all people,  
Including those who are our "enemies".

***Lord hear us***

### **For Grace,**

That we will be able to recognise God's fingerprint  
On the lives of all we meet.

***Lord hear us.***

### **For Forgiveness,**

When we offer forgiveness to others,  
We are reminded of your forgiveness towards us.

***Lord hear us.***

For our own prayers...

***Lord hear us.***

***Lord, hear our prayers.***

**Amen**

## WE ARE SENT FORTH

Jesus,

Thank you for your teaching and challenge for our lives.

Help us to show love to all the people we meet,

As we recognise that you love each one of us dearly.

Shine this love through our lives.

***Amen.***

***In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit***

***Amen***

