

31 October 2021

TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

The most important commandment

verse for the week
"Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and
with all your mind, and
with all your strength
and love your neighbour
as yourself."

MARK 12:30-31

Caring Conversations

Share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

Who loves you?
How do they
show you their
love? How do
you show others
that you love
them?

2

God wants each
of us to love him
with all of our
heart, soul, mind
and strength. What
does this look like?

3

Mark 12:30-31
links the worship
of God with love
of neighbour. How
does this influence
how you understand
a worship service
and how you
experience the rest
of your week?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbour
M	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Reciting God's word
T	Hebrews 9:11-14	Jesus frees us to worship God
W	Leviticus 19:1-18	Love your neighbour as yourself
T	Romans 13:8-14	Love fulfills the law
F	James 2:1-13	Warning against having favorites
S	Psalms 119:1-8	The glory of God's law
S	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, help us to
love you today
with our heart,
soul, mind and
strength. Amen.

BLESSING

May God grant
you faith to love
the Lord with all
your heart, and
with all your soul,
and with all your
might.

Creative Response

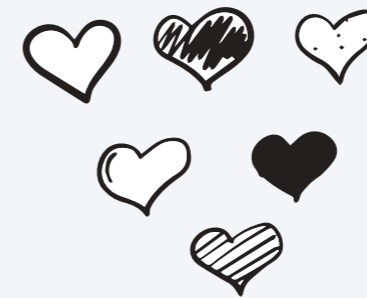
Cut out heart-shaped pieces of paper.

As part of your home devotion time this week, share ways in which you have been led to show love for God and your neighbour (others) during the day and ways in which you have experienced God's love from others.

Write responses onto the paper hearts.

Post them on the doorframes in your home.

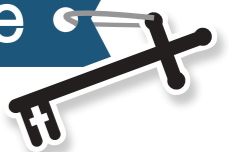
Write out the words from Deuteronomy to learn and recite this week too.



mealtime prayer

Bless this meal, O God, we pray, and bless us too
all through the day. Keep us safe and close to you,
and kind in all we say and do. Amen.

Service



**Loving your neighbour is
a central way to live out
your faith and to love God.**

Christian love is not simply an emotion. It is a commitment to act on behalf of the needs of others. In both the Old and New Testaments, loving your neighbour includes loving those who could be considered your enemy (Leviticus 19:34; Matthew 5:44; Luke 10:29-37). Choose someone who you would not consider your friend and yet needs God's love and your love. Find a way to love that person with a smile, a kind word or message, or some other act that conveys care and concern.