



Morning Announcements for Monthly Virtues: Theological Virtue of Love

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LOVE Week 1

Day 1: Baptism and Love

Today we will begin reflecting on the virtue of Christian Love. The virtue of love is God's gift to us at Baptism. At Baptism, we become one with Jesus. Jesus gives us His love for God the Father and the Holy Spirit, and gives us His love for all people. Let us decide in our hearts today that we will walk in love: love for God and love for each other. This is what makes us greater than all of God's creatures.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of love. Help me walk in love with You today – in my prayer, and in my kind words and actions. Take my hand, Lord Jesus and lead me in love to your Father's house, where there is love forever and ever. Amen.

I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 2: Love and Peace

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Love. The theme for today is Love and Peace. Our acts of love are like seeds of peace in our world. Every time we pray for someone in love, we are helping bring peace to the world. Every time we help our parents, our brothers and sisters or classmates, we help bring peace to our homes and schools. Peace in our world starts with acts of love. Let us say "yes" today to love and build peace wherever we go.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of love, and the peace that it brings. Help me to walk in love and to share Your peace in small ways with everyone I meet today.

I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 3: Love and Joy

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Love. The theme for today is Love and Joy. The greatest joy comes from being loved. A baby who is loved is a happy, joyful baby. The joy of love in our hearts brings joy to our homes and schools. Let us open our hearts to receive God's love today. In this way, God's joy will shine from our hearts like the sun, to bring the warmth of joy to others.



Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of love and the joy that it brings. I give You my heart to fill with Your love. Let the joy of Your love overflow from my heart wherever I go, so that all will know the joy that comes from loving You as Lord.

I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 4: Love and Responsibility

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Love. The theme for today is, *Love and Responsibility*. Love gives us the strength to be responsible – to pick up after ourselves, to do our part with chores around the home, to listen in class, to look after each other on the school yard, to take care of our younger brothers and sisters. Let us walk in love by doing the simple things God calls us to do today.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of love and the strength it gives me to do the right thing. Let Your love be my guide, so that I may always do what is right, and grow as Your responsible disciple.

I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 5: Love and Discipline

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Love. The theme for today is, *Love and Discipline*. Love helps us make good choices to stay on track with what is important. This is called discipline. For example, we do our best to get up on time, to get to school on time, to put away our toys, to listen when someone else is speaking, to play fair and hands-off, and use words that are appropriate.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Love that helps me grow in discipline. Help me to make loving choices that keep me on track with what is important. I trust You, Lord Jesus, and I know you are with me each day to help me grow.

I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.



LOVE Week 2

Day 1: Love and Truth

This week, we continue to reflect on the gift of Love. The theme for today is, *Love and Truth*. The seeds of love have been planted in our hearts at Baptism. They need to be watered with the truth of our faith, to take root and grow in us. The truth is, you were made by God, who is Love. The truth is, that God loves you and sent His Son to die and rise for you, to give you eternal life. The truth is, you will be happiest when you practice love for others. Never believe the lie that you are not loved. Never believe the lie that you will be happy by hurting others. You were made by Love *for* love.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of love. Help me to always believe the truth that You love me, no matter what happens in my life. Give me the strength to love others in truth, just as You truly love me. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 2: Love and Prayer

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Love. The theme for today is, *Love and Prayer*. Prayer is spending time with God, who loves us, just like a good parent or grandparent, but even more. God wants to fill our hearts with His love. The love of God that fills our hearts when we pray makes us strong enough to love others. This is the secret of the saints. As they prayed, they grew in love. Let us try each day to do the same.

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of love. Help me to pray each day, and fill my heart with Your love, for it is You who gives me the strength to love others as you love me. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 3: Love and Sharing

Today, we continue to reflect on the virtue of love. The theme for today is, *Love and Sharing*. God loves and shares His gifts with all His children. God even shared the life of His only Son Jesus, so that we might live with Him forever. When we share our time, our friendship, our help, or words of encouragement with others, people see God's love in



us. Let us strive to share these things with each other today, and show God's love to the world.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for sharing with me the gift of Your Love. Help me to walk in love today in small ways: by sharing a kind word, by helping someone, by sharing the gift of friendship when someone feels sad and alone. You love me and share Your life with me. Help me to do the same for others. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 4: Love and Faithfulness

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Faithfulness*. God loves us in Jesus, with the love of a faithful friend. A faithful friend says, "no matter what, I will stand by you." Jesus stood by us in love, all the way to the cross. He stands by us in faithful love today. Let us walk in faithful love today. Let us stand by each other by saying only kind things about others, by being a true friend, no matter what anyone says.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Your faithful love. Help me be faithful to You in kindness toward others, and by standing by those who have no one to defend them. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 5: Love and Caring for Others

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Caring for Others*. God calls us to love each other, especially those who need that love the most. This means doing things like taking care of our younger brothers and sisters, holding the door open for someone, helping our parents around the house, or doing something nice for our grandparents. Even when we don't feel love, we can show love by doing something caring for others.

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of Love. Help me to show my love for You by caring for others, even when I don't feel like it. I trust You, and I know You will be there to help me care for others as your disciple. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.



LOVE Week 3

Day 1: Love and Mercy

This week, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Love. The theme for today is, *Love and Mercy*. We believe in a merciful God who calls us to be merciful. What does this mean? Mercy is about forgiving persons when they show they are truly sorry. Showing mercy helps a person stand with dignity again after they apologize for doing something wrong. Let us live as God's children by showing mercy to our neighbour who has made a mistake and tells us they are sorry.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for Your merciful love. Give me the courage to turn to Your merciful heart when I fall. Let me stand tall in Your mercy, and help me to show mercy to others. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 2: Love and Trust

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Trust*. God's love for us is so deep, that He sent His only Son to die and rise for us, so that we could live with Him forever. God will always love us, more than we can imagine. And this is why we trust God. Let us walk today in love – with acts of friendship and kindness – to be people that others can trust.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Your love. I trust You, and I give You my heart. Guide me today and every day to walk in Your love – so that others will love You and trust You more and more because of Your goodness at work in me. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 3: Love and Commitment

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Commitment*. What is commitment? Commitment is about saying "yes" to something good every day. We commit ourselves to love by treating others with fairness and kindness every day, no matter what other people think or say. Let us make a



commitment to love others the way God loves us – by helping each other, with small acts of kindness, and by showing our neighbour respect as a child of God.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Love. You committed yourself to me, even giving up Your life on the cross, so that I could rise with You and live with You forever. Give me the strength to commit myself to loving others – by being patient, by helping out at home and treating others with kindness. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 4: Love and Mission

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Mission*. The Love of God has been poured into our hearts as followers of Jesus. Love has a mission. It wants to share itself; it wants everyone to have God’s friendship; it wants everyone to care for one another, and to know God’s peace. Let us say “yes” to the mission of love today. Let us say “yes” to friendship, to caring for family and schoolmates, to making peace with one another in our homes and school.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Love that has been poured into my heart. Help me to say “yes” to love’s mission: with my family at home, with others at school and with everyone I meet today. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 5: Love and Acceptance

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Acceptance*. God accept us as His children and chooses to live in our hearts. No matter what anyone says to you, God loves you and accepts you as His child. Let us walk today in love, and see each other through God’s accepting eyes. Let us stay away from gossip, from name-calling, teasing and fighting; let us instead accept one another for the gift that we are.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Love. I thank you for accepting me, for walking with me each day. Help me to walk in love, and to accept the gift of my neighbour, just as you accept me. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.



LOVE Week 4

Day 1: Love and Inclusion

This week, we continue to reflect on the virtue of Love. The theme for today is, *Love and Inclusion*. The gift of love makes it possible for us to love as God loves. God loves with mercy and fairness to everyone. We are called to show this same mercy and fairness to all. This is what we mean by *love and inclusion*. Is there someone who I need to treat more fairly in my classroom or in my family? Can I say “hi” to someone I don’t usually talk to today? Can I include someone who feels like an outsider into my games or groups? Can I say “no” to gossip and remind others that it’s not fair to the person being talked about?

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Love. I know that You gave up your life on the cross with a love that includes everyone. Help me to walk with small acts of love for everyone, as You would have me do. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 2: Love and Gratitude

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Gratitude*. We give God praise and thanksgiving for His love that fills our hearts and overflows. This is gratitude – our “thank you” to God. When you’re having a bad day, try to remember that God is with you; ask Him to help you walk in gratitude for the blessings that He has given and *will* bring into your life.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Love. Even when I don’t feel it, I believe that Your love for me is great and overflowing. I open my heart to receive this love today. I give you my praise and thanksgiving for the blessings you continue to pour into my life. Jesus, I trust you. Help me walk today in gratitude. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.



Day 3: Love and Forgiveness

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Forgiveness*. God loves us with a love that is always ready to forgive. Our hearts have been filled with this same love. Forgiveness sets our hearts free and re-builds bridges of friendship that have fallen down. Sometimes forgiveness is difficult when we have been hurt deeply. We can give God our desire to forgive, and God will help us with what needs to be done. Sometimes when we forgive, must keep our distance, to allow the other person to have a change of heart. For God, all things are possible.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for Your love that is always ready to forgive. So many times, I fall, and You are always ready with Your hand to help me up again. Help me to walk in your freedom by forgiving others as you have forgiven me. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 4: Love and Reverence

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Reverence*. The gift of love fills us with a holy respect for all the things of God. This is called *reverence*. With reverence, we talk quietly in church; we genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament; we treat one another with kindness and respect. We show reverence for our neighbour, made in God's image, when we help the poor, defend the elderly and the unborn. With reverence for our teachers, elders, prayer times and sacred ceremonies, we listen and show respect.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of love. Help me to walk in love, with reverence for all that is good and holy in my home, church and school – especially for the people I will meet today. I make this prayer in Your most holy Name. Amen.

Day 5: Love and Godliness

Today, we continue to look at the virtue of Love. Our theme today is, *Love and Godliness*. The Apostle John tells us that God is Love, and everyone who lives in love



lives in God. St. Paul tells us that love is patient and kind. He also says that God will be with us whenever we think about “whatever is true, ... noble, ... right, ... pure, ... lovely, ...admirable, ...excellent or praiseworthy.” Whenever we practice patience, kindness and fill our mind and hearts with good things – we are walking with love in Godliness.

Lord Jesus, I thank You for the gift of Love. Help me to live a Godly life. Help me to fill my mind and heart with good things; help me to be patient, to show others kindness and to speak truthfully. May everything I do be a sign of your loving Presence at work in my life. I make this prayer in the power of Your most holy Name. Amen.