

In today's Gospel, Luke 6:31-36, we hear words about love from the Lord. He states that we should treat others as we would like to be treated—with love. This love is to be offered to everyone, even more so to our enemies because it is easy to love those that love us. It is more difficult to love those who hate us, hurt us, or take advantage of us. We are to love everyone in our lives, to do good, and to lend, expecting nothing in return. He also tells us we are to be merciful to others as God is merciful to us. In doing these things, our reward will be great and we will be known as sons and daughters of the Most High.

To love one another is more difficult than it seems in society today. Why is this? In an age where many strive to be first, to get ahead, or simply to achieve self-preservation, it becomes increasingly hard to love our fellow neighbor as the Lord has called us to do unconditionally. How can we turn the tide and offer our love to everyone including our enemies?

Dearest ones, we can begin with prayer. We can pray to God for not only our friends and family, but also for those that may have hurt us. This is an act of love! Let us pray to our loving Lord for everyone in our lives and for the salvation of all for He in the Highest unconditionally loves us and offers us salvation; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen.