

This is my
command. Love
one another as
I have loved
you. No one has
greater love than
this: to lay down
his life for his
friends.

JOHN 15:12-13

Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about
someone who
has been a good
friend to you.
What makes a
good friend?

2

Jesus says,
"Love one
another other as
I have loved you"
– how has Jesus
shown his love
for you? How can
you show love to
people around
you?

3

Explore how
Thursday's reading
(Romans 12:9-21)
prompts us in ways
to love others.

Devotions

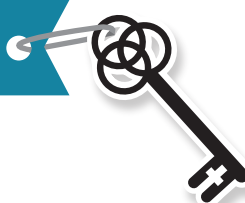


Daily Bible Readings

S	John 15:9-17	Love one another
M	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
T	1 John 5:1-6	Faith conquers the world
W	Isaiah 61:1-11	Good news of deliverance
T	Romans 12:9-21	Love with sincerity
F	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	The church's faith and example
S	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
S	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, your
love is so great.
Help us to show
your love for
others today.
Amen.

BLESSING

May God
surround you
with his love,
and fill your
heart with love
for others.

Creative Response

Jesus says 'Love each other as I have
loved you'.

Try some of these ways to express your love to
others this week:

- Write 'I love you' notes and place them in
surprising places (e.g. school lunchboxes, under
pillows or plates, in purses or wallets)
- Place a flower or small treat on the seat of a car
before someone leaves for work or school.
- Make heart-shaped coupons to give to one
another (e.g. shoulder massage, extra story
book reading, a walk or play together, a cuddle,
act of service)
- Write notes of appreciation, thanks and support
on cut out hearts. 'Post' these into paper bags
with each person's name on them. At the end of
the week distribute the bags and enjoy reading
your notes of love.

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God at our table, giver of bread, bless us to love,
just as you've said. Amen.

Service



Mother's Day is an
opportunity to shower
love upon someone who
has cared for you. It
might be your mum
or grandmothers or
godmothers in your life.
Take time to recall, give
thanks and pray for the
women who have cared
for you. Plan acts of
service and love. Ask
how they would best like
to be served and make
arrangements for
this.