



# Sixth Sunday Of Easter

## Love One Another

### Introduction

A lamp that gives no light is useless. A fruit tree that produces no fruit is worthless. A Christian who doesn't love his neighbour is in the same category. But it was God who first loved us. He wants us to repay his love by loving one another. We know we fail to love others, as we should. Let us have the courage to look at our failures and to admit them.

### First Reading (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

This tells how Cornelius, a Roman Centurion, became the first pagan to receive the grace of Baptism. It shows that God is not selective in his love. His salvation is offered to all.

### Second Reading (1 John 4:7-10)

This contains what is probably the most important statement ever made about God, namely, that he is love.

### Gospel (John 15:9-17)

Jesus is talking to his friends the night before he died. He leaves them his supreme commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you".

### Prayer Of The Faithful

Let us pray that spring may come to our hearts through the power of Christ's glorious resurrection, so that we may be able to live his great commandment of love.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

For all Christians: that they may banish the winter of apathy and selfishness and show the kind of love for one another that followers of Christ should. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.



## Liturgy Cycle B

For all those who have power and who hold positions of authority: that they may banish from their hearts all spiteful and rejecting attitudes and work to ensure justice for all their brothers and sisters. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

For those who are unable to love, either because they have never known love or because they have been very badly hurt. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

That we may show love in little ways, especially towards those we rub shoulders with each day. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear us in your love.

### Communion Reflection

A fifty year-old Greek was dying in a New York hospice.

He had a good life, so he said,

He would have it all over again.

He would gladly forgo money and health  
and making it in America,

if only he could have the same wife,

the same family,

the same love again.

Love – that was what was important in life.

It was love, which kept things together and made sense.

The day before he died

he sent for the members of his family, who were, he said,  
quarrelsome and at odds with one another,

He told them solemnly

that they must learn to love one another,

they must try harder.

It was everything, everything,

They must believe this,

for it was the word of a dying man.

Christ spoke similar words to his friends  
the night before he died.

He gave them a simple, clear message:

“Love one another, as I have loved you”.

His words were meant for us too.