

4 November 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH
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
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



READ 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



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

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



BLESS

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

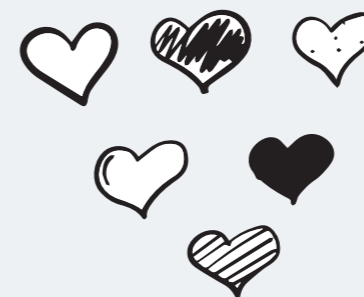
Cut out heart-shaped pieces of paper.

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.