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Daily Reflections



THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US

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An Excerpt from Today's First Reading

*God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
not counting their trespasses against them
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
So we are ambassadors for Christ,
as if God were appealing through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19-20

Reflection

“We implore you ... be reconciled to God.” The urgency in this statement is palpable.

To be reconciled is to be one with, to restore friendly relationship with God and with others in our lives. This is the desire of God and often the desire of the human heart. Yet, reconciliation takes two participants, whereas forgiveness can be granted by the one who has been harmed or shunned.

As covenanted people, followers of the “Way,” we are loved into life, joined together as children of God, and sent through the Spirit of God to be “ambassadors of reconciliation.” In other words, belonging to God impels us by love to draw all into the amazing gift of unity with God and one another. That all may personally experience the love of God and the unity of all life is my heartfelt desire. My own experience of God’s indwelling presence and love impels my heart to yearn for all people to recognize the tremendous gift that is theirs.

Yet, the reality is that we are far from united in our country, the church, and in the world. Bickering, slanderous speech, self-righteous attitude, and self-centered actions disrupt unity at every turn. However, this is no reason to stop believing it’s possible that all may be one. I realize that I need to call upon the enlightening gift of the Holy Spirit to permeate my being so I may seek unity in my own life and family.

And on the larger stage of the global community, I must implore the Spirit to assist me in being a life-giving, uplifting presence -- as were Jesus and the prophets -- by recognizing the wrong being done, but more importantly by urging toward the inclusive, collaborative, and other-centered values that Jesus exemplified and God desires for us. I witness to God’s abiding presence in the totality of my living each day. We are all ambassadors for God’s way of inclusive, all-permeating, self-emptying love that fosters unity, goodness, collaboration, and mutuality among us all. It is not easy to address the common good, for it means sacrificing my own accumulation of wealth, or narrow vision, and self-righteous attitude so that all may have what is needed for a sustainable life. I am to live in conscious discernment choosing first the good of the other.

God’s love is not measured but lavishly given to all. It is never about what is deserved; it is always about God who is all love, mercy, and compassion. As ambassadors of God’s reconciling love, I am to do and be the same. I am impelled to live and work to uphold the dignity of all people and creation, “that all may be ONE.” (John 17:21)



People Holding a Globe
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For Pondering

Ask yourself:

- What gifts of the Spirit are needed for me to be an ambassador of reconciliation?
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For Prayer

*God of Inclusive Love,
Christ of Outpouring Love,
Spirit of Communal Love,
breathe in us and among us.*

*May we participate in our relationships with the zeal of Jesus,
a zeal marked by generous courage and humble emptying love,
the fidelity of Mary, who was filled to overflowing, with every kind of grace,
and the cordial charity of Joseph, whose service was grounded in relationship
with God and neighbor without distinction.*

*Rooted in the rich scriptural heritage of those from our past,
seized by the same Love, which impelled them to be in relationship
with the reality of their changing world and changing times,
inspired by their vision, integrity, and fidelity,
we respond to the call to be God's ambassadors with courage and hope.*

*Our God, the people of our world, our Earth, and all creation,
call us to embrace ever widening circles of communion.
Impel us to action, action that stirs up Love, is connective and inclusive,
and deepens our commitment to be and become Your People.
Amen.*

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