

## Deacon's Beacons

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“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” Matthew 5:43–45

Is Jesus serious? Why should we pray for someone who does us ill? Maybe because we are human and God is not. We see only what we want. We place conditions on our love. God loves unconditionally and God loves all of His creatures. If they are seen by God as His children, what gives us the right to treat them in any other way? It may not be easy but it is as simple as that.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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