



Embrace the Darkness

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

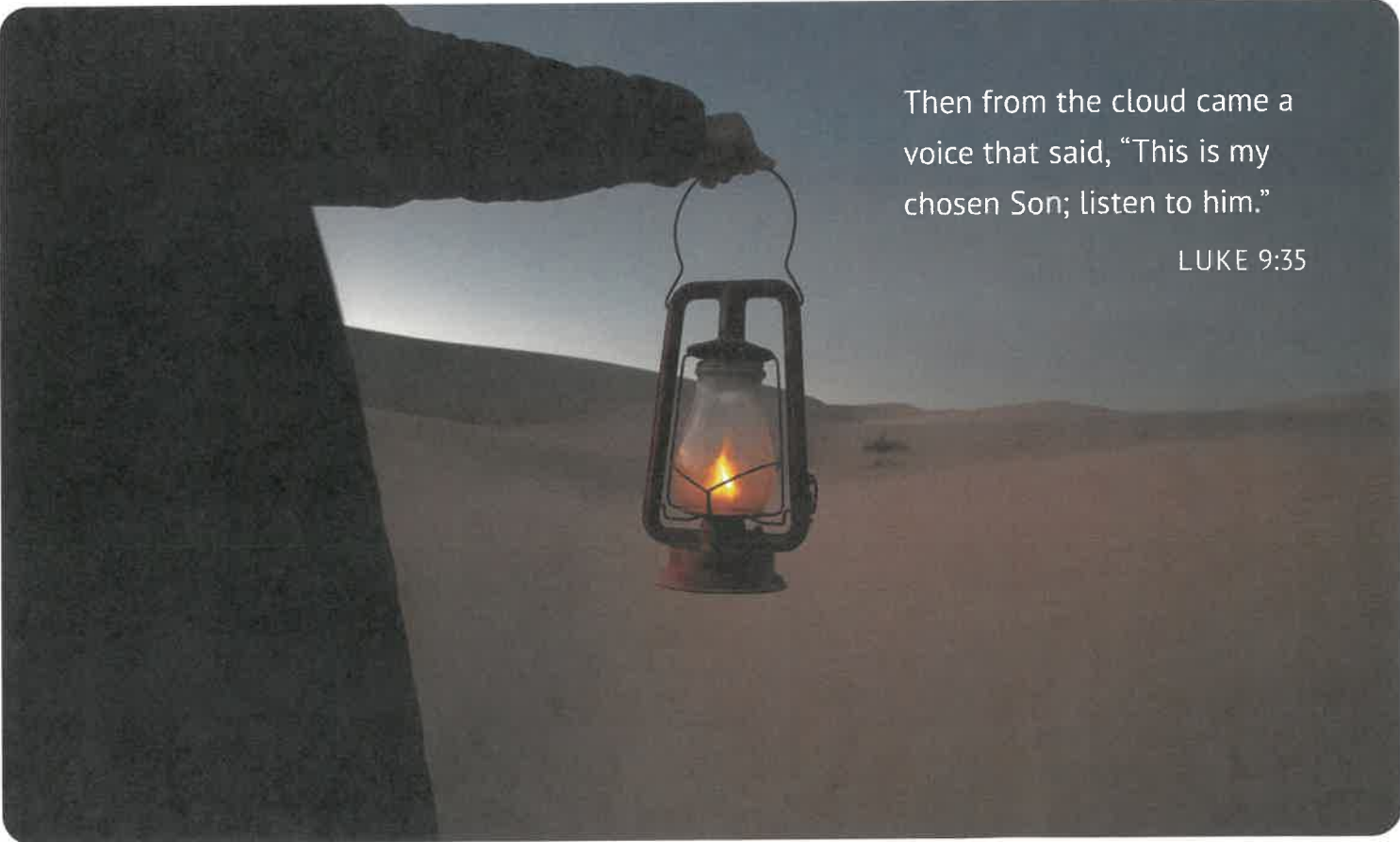
The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom.

Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

Reflect

When has life's darkness brought me to a new and deeper faith in God?



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

LUKE 9:35

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	3/15	5:00pm		Ted Mohs
				Sarah Fenner
Sunday	3/16	8:30am	+	Ed & Margo Malmberg
			+	Patrick Mulderrig.
		10:30am		Joyce Swartz
		4:00pm		For The Faithful
Tuesday	3/18	8:30am		Lee Baustian
			+	Michael Chambers
Wednesday	3/19	8:30am	+	Wilford & Patricia Mower
				James Yelland
Thursday	3/20	8:30am	+	Michaelm Chambers
Friday	3/21	8:30am		Peddi Meyers

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE March 22nd & 23rd, 2025

Cross Bearers

Saturday, 5:00pm:
Sunday, 8:30am: No Schedule Submitted
Sunday, 10:30am:

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm: Jackie Carlson, Claudia Beckwith,
Carol Coleman, Trish Jensen
Sunday, 8:30am: Tom & Kris Epperson,
Bob & Fran Sypnieski
Sunday, 10:30am: Mario Vilamor, Rhemee Brockway,
Erin Anguillo, Lisa Avila

Lectors

Saturday, 5:00pm: Carol Stryker, Vern Psuty
Sunday, 8:30am: Russ Zeller, Lucy Manley
Sunday, 10:30am: Barbara Kilborn, Mary Rydzik

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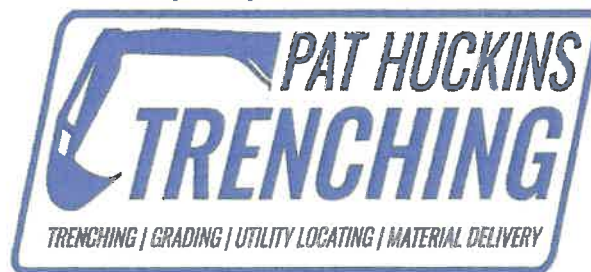
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24 hours Confession

Lenten Penance Service Schedule

March 28th, 2025

Friday

12 noon to 3:00pm—

The Assumption of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary Church,
Truckee



3:00pm to 6:00pm—

St. Theresa Church, Tahoe City

6:00pm to 9:00pm—St. Canice Church, Nevada city

9:00pm to 12 midnight—St. Patrick's Church ,
Grass Valley

March 29th, 2025 Saturday

12 midnight to 3:00am—St. Teresa Church, Auburn

3:00am to 6:00am—St. Joseph Church, Auburn

6:00am to 9:00am—St. Patrick's Church, Grass Valley

9:00am to 12 noon—St. Dominic Church, Colfax

Official Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.



24 hour Adoration at St. Teresa of Avila Church

March 28th, 2025

-Adoration starts at 9:00am after Friday Morning Mass and Ends at 900am (following day)



March 29th, 2025

-Confession from 12 midnight to 3am.

Why is the theme for the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope"?

Pope Francis had dedicated this Jubilee Year to "Pilgrims of Hope". In the heart of each person dwells the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring. This Jubilee Year is an opportunity to be renewed in hope, in the hope of "life everlasting". Through our baptism, we are Pilgrims of Hope, opened to God's grace, nourished by Jesus Christ, and accompanied by the Holy Spirit. On this journey anchored by unending hope, we patiently yearn to see God as he is, to be living stones transformed into spiritual houses, and to await with creation for God's redemption.



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Lenten Regulations

Prayer

Catholics are urged to read and pray with sacred Scripture more intently during Lent, and to deepen their faith by reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The faithful are encouraged to participate in special devotions offered by the parish, especially parish penance services, Eucharistic adoration, and Liturgy of the Hours. Other devotions such as the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are also encouraged. Holy water remains available in the stoops throughout Lent, until the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper begins the Easter Triduum.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Lent is a privileged time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. The faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.[6] To that end, parishes are encouraged to provide ample opportunity for the faithful to partake of the Sacrament of Reconciliation by expanding their confession schedule during Lent. You might consider, for example, adding an extra rite of reconciliation on a weekday evening. Public parish penance services are strongly encouraged and may be combined with the Roman "stations" with or without a procession.[7] General absolution, however, is not permitted.

Lenten Mass Schedule

The faithful are urged to attend Mass on weekdays as often as possible, especially during Lent. Daily Masses during Lent should be scheduled to facilitate attendance.

The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are to be celebrated in each parish on Fridays during Lent and parishioners should be encouraged to participate.

Day of Reconciliation and Unity

The second Wednesday of March is to be observed as "[a] day of penance for negative attitudes and discrimination toward people of differing cultures, ethnicity and race; and prayer for unity in our diversity, for equality, mutual respect and peace among all peoples".[8]

Wedding Masses

Ritual Masses for the Celebration of Marriage may not take place on Ash Wednesday, on Sundays of Lent, during Holy Week, during the Paschal Triduum, or on Sundays of Easter.[9] "The celebration of Marriage on Friday of the Passion of the Lord and on Holy Saturday is to be avoided altogether." [10] Marriages may take place at other times during Lent according to the proper liturgical norms and provisions. It is contrary to the penitential spirit of the season to have elaborate weddings or lavish receptions. Those who need to have marriages convalidated before the Easter Vigil should do so prior to Holy Week, not on Holy Saturday or during the Vigil.

Funeral Masses

Funerals are not to be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral considerations necessitate that a funeral be celebrated on these days, the Liturgy of the Word with the Final Commendation and Farewell may be conducted.



Ayuno y Abstinencia Para fomentar un espíritu de arrepentimiento y unirnos más estrechamente con Cristo, la ley de la Iglesia requiere que se observe, el Ayuno y la Abstinencia durante la Cuaresma.[3] (Para un estudio más detallado, consulte la constitución apostólica del Papa Pablo VI sobre el tema.[4])

Abstinencia

Todas las personas de 14 años y más tienen la obligación de abstenerse de comer el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. "... (Cualquier) parroquia o institución diocesana o grupo que patrocine un evento que incluya comida, no debe servir carne ningún viernes durante el año". [5] Otras formas de abstinencia que también benefician son: abstenerse de bebidas alcohólicas, de televisión, de videojuegos, de internet y de las redes sociales.

Ayuno

Todas las personas de 18 a 59 años de edad tienen la obligación de ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Se recomienda ampliamente el ayuno voluntario en otros días de la semana de la Cuaresma, especialmente los miércoles y viernes. Se entiende que el ayuno consiste en una comida completa al día. Se pueden ingerir otras dos comidas pequeñas, pero juntas no deben equivaler a una comida completa. No es permitido comer entre las comidas principales.

En caso de que peligre la salud o la capacidad de trabajo, no se aplicarían las leyes del ayuno y abstinencia. Si se tienen dudas al respecto, se ha de consultar con un sacerdote de la parroquia o con un confesor. Las personas que trabajan en Aeropuertos, los viajeros y los que se encuentran a bordo de un barco o avión están exentos de las leyes de ayuno y abstinencia mientras estén de viaje (excepto el Viernes Santo). Es conveniente que practiquen algún otro acto piadoso en su lugar.

Announcements:

1. Next Sunday, March 23rd after the 8:30am Mass, Father Arbel will be blessing a Memorial Plaque the Rose Garden honoring Father Mike Carroll.
2. Beginning on Friday, March 28th at 9:00am and continuing to Saturday, March 29th at 9:00am there will be 24 hour Adoration. This is a wonderful opportunity during the Lenten Season for all of us to offer an hour of silent prayer and meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church
3. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the first Lenten Soup and Bread last Friday night and to those who came and shared a meal with fellow parishioners.



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Meeting new friends after Sunday Mass

2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year

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The faithful who are truly repentant of sin but who cannot participate in the various solemn celebrations, pilgrimages and pious visits for serious reasons (especially cloistered nuns and monks, but also the elderly, the sick, prisoners, and those who, through their work in hospitals or other care facilities, provide continuous service to the sick), can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, (especially when the words of the Supreme Pontiff or the diocesan Bishop are transmitted through the various means of communication), they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any approved form, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined (e.g. in the chapel of the monastery, hospital, nursing home, prison...) offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives;

Are you seeking to rediscover your friendship with Jesus? Haven't been to Mass in a while and wondering where to start? Start by getting to know Jesus again through prayer. It doesn't matter how long its been since you have been to Mass. You are always invited to encounter Jesus in the Mass.



Rite of Election at St. Claire with St. Teresa of Avila Parish Candidates and Catechumens



Spanish Station of the Cross



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Dear Padre,

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect” (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly “respect” might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when “Sunday best” was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be “business casual” as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

After the labors of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God.... Wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.



ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 13, 2022

UNSPLASH

Monday

March 17

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday

March 18

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16–20

Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday

March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4–5a,

12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18,

22

Mt 1:16, 18–21,

24a or Lk 2:41–51a

Thursday

March 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5–10

Lk 16:19–31

Friday

March 21

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3–4, 12–

13a, 17b–28a

Mt 21:33–43,

45–46

Saturday

March 22

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday

March 23

Third Sunday of

Lent

Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15

1 Cor 10:1–6,

10–12

Lk 13:1–9

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Catholic Relief Services collection strengthens bishops' mission to the vulnerable at home and abroad

Each year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) comforts and assists people worldwide who suffer from war, natural disasters, violent persecution or extreme poverty. That work is possible because of contributions to The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This year, many dioceses, including the Diocese of Sacramento, will take up this collection in their parishes at Masses on March 29-30. The collection benefits six Church-related entities that all offer aid to the vulnerable in carrying out the Christ's mandate in Matthew's Gospel to care for the "least of these."

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) provides disaster relief and economic development initiatives among the developing world's poorest people.

Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church at the USCCB helps the Church address the pastoral needs of U.S. Catholics across many cultural boundaries.

Secretariat of Justice and Peace at the USCCB engages in advocacy and outreach on behalf of the poor and works for peace.

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Donations to this year's collection will be vital to the Catholic initiatives to reveal Christ's love to those in need.

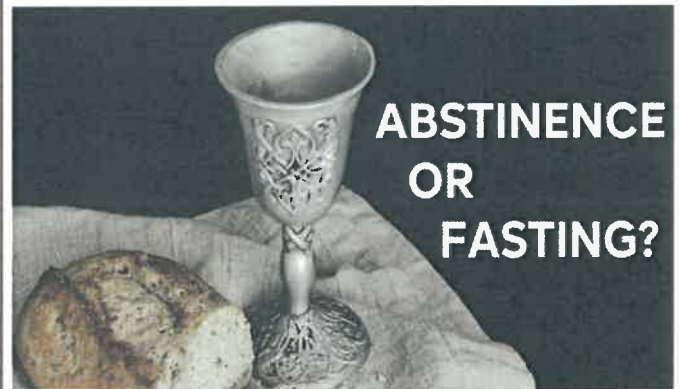
Abstinence

All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. ". . .[Any] parish or diocesan institution or group which sponsors an event which includes a meal is not to serve meat on any Friday during the year".

[5] Other forms of abstinence, for example abstinence from alcoholic beverages, television, video games, the internet, and social media, are also beneficial.

Fasting

Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.



When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one's parish priest or confessor should be consulted. Airport workers, travelers, and others while on board ships or airplanes are dispensed from the laws of fast and abstinence for the duration of their journey (except on Good Friday). It is desirable that they perform some other pious act instead.



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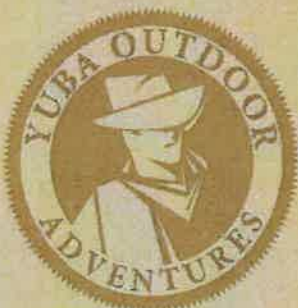
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Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....8:30am, 10:30am, 4:00pm Spanish

Daily Masses:

Tuesday—Friday.....8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Friday.....9:00am—10:00am
Saturday,3:30pm – 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday's.....9:00am—5:00pm

Stations of the Cross (During Lent):

Friday's. 6:00pm Spanish, 7:00pm English

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"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

One of the most challenging teachings of Jesus—one that stirs up the deepest questions about how we respond to those who harm us. Jesus says, quite boldly and clearly: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

These words are not just a gentle suggestion; they are a command that cuts to the heart of our Christian identity. When we face persecution, when we are hurt or wronged by others, our natural response is often one of anger, resentment, or even a desire for retaliation. We want justice, and sometimes we feel justified in wishing harm on those who have harmed us. Yet, Jesus invites us to respond in a radically different way.

When we pray for those who persecute us, we place them in God's hands. We acknowledge that ultimately, it is God who can transform hearts, who can soften the hardest of souls, and who can work in the lives of those who have wronged us. It is an act of surrender—surrendering our pain and our anger to God, trusting that He will bring about true justice, in His time and in His way.

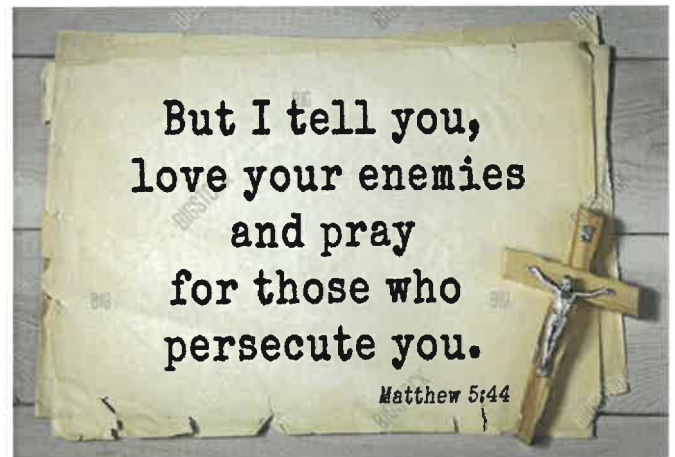
We can only understand the depth of this teaching by looking to the example of Christ Himself. When Jesus was mocked, beaten, and crucified, He did not respond with anger or vengeance. Instead, He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

Jesus loved even His enemies, Jesus was able to break the power of sin and death. He turned the cross, the instrument of the greatest injustice in history, into a symbol of hope and redemption for all humanity.

To pray for those who persecute us is, in a very real sense, to begin to imitate Christ. When we pray for our enemies, we align ourselves with God's purposes. We allow His grace to work through us, transforming both our hearts and the hearts of those we pray for.

It is often in our prayers that we begin to see others—not as enemies, but as children of God, lost, hurt, and in need of His healing.

Prayer is also powerful because it changes us. It softens our hearts. It helps us to see the bigger picture—one that transcends the immediate hurt or injustice we face. By praying for our persecutors, we take our eyes off ourselves and our own suffering and place them on God's greater plan for reconciliation and peace.



Finally, Jesus ends this passage with a challenging statement: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Now, we know that perfection, in the sense of flawlessness, is not something that we can achieve on our own. But the perfection Jesus is calling us to is the perfection of love—the kind of love that mirrors the unconditional, all-encompassing love of God.

This kind of love is not natural, but it is possible—through the grace of God. It is the love that forgives seventy-seven times. It is the love that turns the other cheek. It is the love that chooses mercy over judgment, peace over retaliation, and prayer over hatred.

We are called to be agents of God's love and peace in the world. We are called to pray for those who persecute us, to love those who oppose us, and to break the cycle of hatred and violence. It is not easy, but it is the way of Christ. It is the way that leads to true freedom and reconciliation.