

# Love (Charity) Prayer Service

Opening Prayer: Gracious God, we gather today to celebrate love. We ask You to guide our actions and inspire us to do Your will at all times. O Lord, we wish to become more charitable through the example of Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask You this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Old Testament Reading—Micah 6:8

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:9

Response: He gives generously to the needy and his kindness never fails

Second Reading—Romans 12:9-13

Gospel Reading—Luke 10:25-37

Optional Activities:

-Chain of Paper Dolls: Bring forth a chain of paper dolls. The chain represents the unity that we all have as human beings. Have students write down a charitable action that they can do to help bring about more fraternal charity in their own life, class, school, community or world.

-Food/clothes/money—bring forth some donated food, clothes or money collected to symbolize our intent to become more charitable towards our neighbours

Universal Prayers:

Response: Lord of love, hear our prayer

For our Holy Father on earth, the Pope, all the bishops and the clergy everywhere that they may lead us to deeper faith in God and a stronger love and charity for others, we pray to the Lord



# Faith

Faith, Hope and Love are the three theological virtues, and are the foundation of moral activity. Love is superior to all of these virtues. It also draws us closer to God and closer to one another. In order to better understand love, we need to reflect on God's love for man. We see God's love for us as being both **selfless** and **sacrificial**. The greatest demonstration of these two attributes is evident in the passion of Christ. Before his death, Jesus informs us of his wishes: "My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you" (John 15:13). Jesus loved His disciples and

To base our actions on "unlimited kindness toward all others"

Being selfless and sacrificial in our daily activities

A willingness to sacrifice for someone else's well-being

Making other people a priority

Sharing our time, talents and treasures

for the benefit of others

Forgiving others

**"It is more blessed to give than to receive"** Matthew 7:2

