

Dear Friend

I am continuing to encourage you to pray through this time designated as "Thy Kingdom Come". I hope that you were able to read through my email from yesterday but in case you didn't, the Prayer Journal I'm using can be found at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/prayer-journal-2019>



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We've looked at two famous passages from Scripture – "God so loved the world" (John 3:16-17) and "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious ..." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). Today's reading is less well known from 1 John 4:9-10, 19, so here it is in full:

"God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins... We love because he first loved us."

There is obviously a theme of "love" running through all these days' reflections. You will know that for some time I have been looking after the children at St Andrew's Church and I decided that the three most important things to get across to them was: God loves you, GOD loves you, God loves YOU! And this doesn't only apply to children! People get into quite heated discussions about the details of theology and religious practice, not only Christians but those of other faiths too. But really we just need to get this simple message across and believe it ourselves so that we don't fall into bad ways. We are reminded of this in yesterday's scripture: "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

The focus for our prayers during this period is to encourage five (more or less) of the people we would like to come to know Jesus. They need particularly to know this message and the Journal will help you to pray for this outcome. It is not just the

responsibility of ministers to bring the Gospel to people who don't know it. Even in isolation, we can all pray and the power of prayer is the greatest force for good in the world.

Do check out the Action section of today's page of the Journal.

Let us pray:

Loving God, thank You that before we loved You, You loved us first. We recognise Your love for us today and choose to love You too. Thank You for my friends. Please open my friends' eyes to Your love and action for them.

Amen.