

Whom Shall I love...

“If we are going to love others at all, we must make up our minds to love them well. Otherwise our love is a delusion.” Thomas Merton

So whom shall we love...terrorists, sex offenders, murderers, thieves, tyrants...? The answer is yes. Love those who need love most. For if there is no love there can be no change. *“Forgive them Father, they know not what they do.” [Luke 23:34]* Jesus forgave those who were torturing Him, mocking Him and killing Him. He loved those who were doing the most harm, those without love in their hearts and He is asking us to do the same. This is not an easy task, and we must remember that we will never be perfect in forgiveness, but we must strive to be no matter what.

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

1 John 3:18

“Love, then, consists more in actions than in words, more in giving than in receiving.” Pope Francis

Authentic love does not judge, it just gives.

Authentic love is for all people without distinction

Authentic love is always patient and understanding

Authentic love does not condemn, but is compassionate

Authentic love is given freely without seeking return

Authentic love listens to God and to man

Authentic love is limitless and infinite in its depth

“Christian love is concrete” Pope Francis

God’s love does not waiver and neither should ours. For in order for it to be love, it must be concrete and it must not hesitate. If we wish to see the world change, then we must love where love is needed. If we fail to love those who are most in need of love, than nothing will ever change and love will never spread.

“I pray not only for them, but also those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you...I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.” [John 17:20-21, 26]
Jesus, may I love as You love.
May I be an authentic witness to the glory of the love that You hold for all people.

AMEN