

Do Love

Call to Prayer Leader: We are part of a great leap of loving such as the world has never known. Each of us has work to do. Let's begin it. Find our way. Find companions. Give our lives to love.
adapted from Anne Hillman, Awakening the Energies of Love



Leader: O God, come to our assistance

ALL: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hymn "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your
1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.

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Antiphon All: "Fervor is a fire that makes things boil and grow hot, just as fire causes water to boil. It is, properly speaking, charity on fire, and that is what you should have, because a [woman] without charity is like a body without a soul." St. Vincent Coste X, page:449

Psalm 18: 1-3 (Alternate sides to pray.)

- I. I love you, O God, my strength.
- II. You are my rock, my fortress and my deliverer,
my God in whom I take refuge,
 - I. You are my shield and my stronghold.
 - II. I called to you, O God, who are worthy of praise.
 - I. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
 - II. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



Quotes (Read slowly, with slight pause in between each.)

- “What is done out of charity is done for God.” St. Vincent, Coste 12, page 391
- “Blessed are they who wear themselves out for charity.” St. Vincent, Coste 13a, page 195
- “Love is as strong as death and God alone deserves to be loved and served.” 6, page 157
- “Charity toward the neighbor is an infallible sign of the true children of God.” 13b, page 8
- “A physician said, ‘*The best medicine for humans is love.*’ Someone asked, ‘*What if it doesn’t work?*’ He smiled and said, ‘*Increase the dose.*’” Author Unknown “One Spirit” 6/10/23

Reflection and Sharing

When do I feel God’s love most?
How do I share this love with others in my family, in my encounters?

Response All: O God, give me a generous heart, always open to receive your love and to ready to share it freely with others. Amen.

Intercessions Leader: Let us pray to our God who shows us unconditional love in Jesus,
Response ALL: *Help us love you and our neighbor, O God.*

- that we may grow in appreciation of God’s incredible love for us, we pray ...
 - that we may find the love needed to accept ourselves and those we find difficult, we pray ...
 - that we may discover Jesus in our needy sisters and brothers, we pray ...
- (Spontaneous prayers are welcome.)

Our Father

Closing Leader: Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love and it will decide everything. Pedro Arrupe, SJ “My Personal Spirituality”

Leader: “God is love.”

All: “*All who live in God, live in love.*” John 4, 15



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Prayer Texts

- Matthew 25, 40 “... as often as you did it for one of the least ... you did it for me.”
- John 3, 1 “God so loved the world ... he gave his only Son ...”