



# Jesus The Lord Our Saviour

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# BLESSINGS OF GOD BE YOURS...



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Father God! I adore You. O Righteous One! I praise You. O Holy One ! I adore You. O Exalted and Mighty One! I praise You.

O God! Your Love extends to the highest heavens! I praise You.

O God! Your faithfulness touches the clouds! I glorify You.

My God! You know the sufferings that I am impoverished one undergoes and the injustices meted out to me within my family!

LORD I am unable to bear the insults, neglectful looks and the harsh words aimed at me by the ones I love so much!

My God! Your justice rises up high as the highest Himalayas. I stand in need of Your great love and Your justice!

My God and My LORD! Your thoughts and Your judgments are so deep. You who preserve everything! Keep me within Your gaze and keep me safe.

Be my fortress and my Refuge O God and preserve me from all evil and harm. Be my helmet and my shield and protect me from all evil and injustice. May Your Love spring forth from within our heart.



LORD, preserve us that no bitterness or ego or worldly pleasures ever strike at our lives.

O God! Your Love is so sweet! Thank You my God!  
Thank You! AMEN ! ALLELUIA !

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**BELOVED IN CHRIST...**



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**"I Am Giving You These Commands So That You May Love One Another" ( John 15:17)**



After Jesus washed the feet of the apostles, He said, " For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." There are no boundaries to the Love of Jesus. He did not shun His disciples by considering Himself great as " I am God's Son, The Eternal God", He did not get egoistic. He crossed the bounds of being God, and understood His disciples who were mere human beings, understood their feelings, was affectionate towards them and just like a slave fell down at their feet , washed them and showed them how much He respected them. In today's society , in families and in groups as the egoistic 'I' predominates, the source of love that springs from within us, gets obstructed. Just as the lands and the fields get dried up when the streams dry up, so too does our family life dry up and gets bitter.If we should reflect ourselves as disciples of Jesus and as devotees of Our Blessed Mother Mary, then we should remove the boundary lines and hurdles for love that surges forth from our hearts.

When we love beyond all limitations, it does not mean, " we can do anything". Love springs from Truth. Being infidel to one another, cheating on one another, and saying lies to one another are not signs of true love. Truth, just behavior and sacrifice are the traits of love.

For example, if a young widow is living alone, and when a man feels sad for her, leaves his wife and lives with that widow, then "this is not love beyond limits. This is cheating which is far away from truth." This love does not spring from truth. This is lustful behaviour called selfishness. Our LORD's words, "That you may love one another" , this law is the rightful conduct for our society. I wish that this is also the basic tenet for family life.

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# MAY LOVE ALONE RULE THE WORLD...



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Before Our LORD Jesus Christ could undergo the agonizing sufferings, washed the feet of His apostles and thus proved to be a great example to them. When St. John describes this incident, He mentions capturing the magnitude of the moment thus:

**“ Having Loved His Own Who Were In The World, He Loved Them To The End.” ( John 13:1)**

After having washed the feet of His disciples, He sat with them again at the supper table. “ So if I, your Lord and Teacher , have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” ( John 13: 14-15)

He showed this example to His disciples, as a Commandment of Love. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ( John 15:9) He wishes that His disciples live following Him as an example.

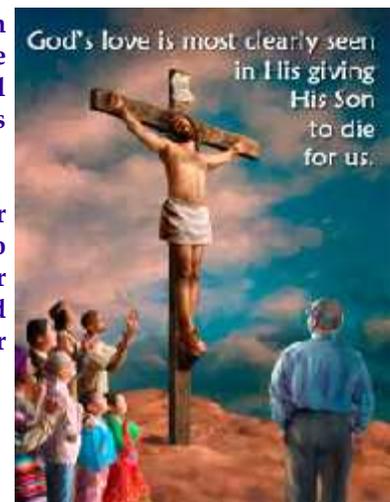
**“ I Am Giving You These Commands So That You May Love One Another.” ( John 15:17)**

When Jesus taught His disciples, He prayed for them. He prayed that The Heavenly Father may preserve them from the evil one and that they should be caught under the snares of the evil one. At the end of the prayer, “ Father... I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” ( John 17:26) Thus Jesus showed through His preaching and through His actions that Love occupied the first place. This love loves the enemies as well. “ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” (Matthew 5:44) God’s Nature is Love! God’s Love belongs to every one! God’s Love is showered upon the good and the bad alike! When the rains fall down from the skies, they do not distinguish between the righteous and the unrighteous! Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

Jesus revealed that His commandment of Love should be made manifest in action. Feeding the poor, quenching the thirst of those who are thirsty, visiting the sick, and clothing the naked are manifestations of Love. ( Matthew 25: 31-46). Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. This Love is forgiving Love! Just as God is merciful towards us, so are we bound to be merciful to one another. When each one among you has not forgiven your brother or your sister with your whole heart, then even my Father who is in heaven will not forgive you. ( Matthew 18:35)

One of them , a lawyer asked him a question to test him, “ Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him , “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ( Matthew 22: 35-39)

Hence the commandment of Love is a summary of all the teachings of our LORD. As a sign of showing His commandment of Love in action, Jesus also prayed for those who persecuted and hung Him on the Cross. “ Father forgive them.” ( Luke 23:34) Jesus taught us that we too should forgive and pray for each other. “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12)



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### May Love Alone Rule The World.

When our beloved Pope Francis I was chosen, on ( 13-03-2013), to lead the Church, the first words he spoke on meeting the people were: 'May Love alone rule the world.'

It was this Pope who on Maundy Thursday ( 28-03-2013) met some of the young prisoners, washed and kissed their feet. There need be no fear to love. Do not hesitate to love. Love stands way beyond caste, religion and self respect.

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, hopes all things, endures all things... Love never ends. ( I Corinthians 13:4-8)

### Does Love Alone Rule The World?

Does Love alone rule the world? Does this commandment of love which is so sweet to hear and speak, rule the world? Our very Bible history speaks so much about atrocities. Cain killed his brother Abel due to jealousy. ( Genesis 4:8) And the LORD was sorry that He made humankind and He was grieved to see evil spreading around. (Matthew 6:6) As a result of evil deeds, God rained down sulfur and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from the sky. ( Gen 19:24) The Bible bears witness to several such incidents. Jesus who preached the commandment of Love was Himself victimized due to the jealousy and hatred of the rulers and was thus nailed to the Cross and died. The One who preached Love fell a prey to people's violence.

The entire history of mankind sates the history of a violent humanity. The rule of the Assyrian kings, the Babylonians, the kings who did not believe in God, the Grecian kings, the Roman kings, and why? Even our Indian history records so many violent incidents! We can say that violence rules more than love. What has happened during the world wars? How did India attain its Independence? Weren't there so many fights and disturbances in the name of Ahimsa? How did Pakistan and West Bengal get separated from India? Why is Tibet under the authority of the Chinese? Why has Deli lama renounced his own native land and sought refuge in the Indian soil for so many years?

If Why do we need to go so far? Our Eelam Tamils were butchered to death and their blood stains have not yet dried! love were ruling the land, how did the Ceylonese forces shoot down Prabhakaran's twelve year old son within point blank distance? When the student fraternity stands and voices their opinions against injustice, is it rule of love to imprison these students? If Love were to rule the world, should there be laws and courts of law in this entire world?



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When Thomas Hobes an English philosopher wrote about the nature of human beings, he writes thus in Latin:

“ Homo Homini Lupus”

**“Man Is A Wolf Unto Man”**

The world history proves that man lives as a wolf devouring another man. We don't have to go very far! Read the newspaper of the past 30 days in our own country. How many murders! How many suicides! How many cheatings! How much of violence in the societal level, in the Political style and also in the name of Religion!

When our beloved Pope enters, the prison gates and hugs the feet of the prisoners and kisses them, will all the prisoners in the world today get released? Will we close down all the prisons?

It was in America, where they proclaim themselves the world's biggest free country, the land that fights against violence, that I went to meet the prisoners a few years ago. About more than 300 Eelam Tamils were imprisoned for lack of proper visa. They were poor. The Ceylonese government let loose the government forces on them like wolves and destroyed them.

The reason for the Tamils to be scattered all over the world is the reason that Thomas Hobes states. Man is a wolf unto man. Our LORD Jesus gave the commandment that Love alone should rule the world and asked them to go to the whole world and proclaim that, “ The Kingdom of heaven has come near.” (Matthew 10:7) He gave them power to heal the sick, to arise the dead, to drive out demons. He asked them to give peace to all those found worthy. He also gave them a warning:

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues;... and you will be hated by all because of my name.” (Matthew 10:16-17, 22)

### **What Is The Connection Between The Divine Commandment Of Love And The Court Of Law?**

On 4th April 2013, the amendment of the criminal law was filed and President Pranab Mukherjee had signed it. The law has come to force that if a person rapes or is brutal, then it is death sentence.

In a democratic country like India, sexual assaults, several brutalities in the name of caste, political and social atrocities and cruelties have multiplied. In this scenario, although The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with Love, as we live in the society filled with people with wolf-like hearts, , then laws and courts of law become a necessity. That the beautiful human trait of Love may sparkle, it has become a necessity to have courts of law. Moses who taught Israelites the Ten Commandments also taught them the law of divorce. Although the relationship between a man and a woman is divine and although what God united man should not separate, yet due to the hardness of the heart of man, he brought in a certification of divorce. ( Matthew 19:3-8) But when we give the foremost place to the divine relationship of Love, we become instrumental in erasing evil from the hearts of the people. Instead of meeting darkness in a dark room, let us light

up a small lamp and keep it. We who read this, may we too light up this small lamp of love.

**In Our Personal Lives, In Our Families And In The Society, Let Us Live As Witnesses Of Love.**

**"That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." (Ephesians 3:17)**

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## The Commandment Of Love: How Can We Reflect This In Our Life?

It is easy to think, speak and even write about love. But it is difficult to make it practical in our daily lives. This is reflected in our thoughts, actions, feelings- relationships. This does not coincide with our lonely life. It runs as the vein in our societal relationships, and fosters our relationships. The Acts of the apostles states in brief the early Christian societal living.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people. ( Acts 2:42-47)

In the Spiritual retreats of Manresa, written by Ignatius of Loyola, he teaches us a good way. This is the last of his spiritual Retreat speeches. (Contemplation to attain love) He places two action points here:

One: Love, should be manifested more in actions than in words.

Two: Love, is contained when both share one with the other ! That is , a lover shares what he has – either a portion of what he has or all that he has with his love. So too does the lady-love share her love with him. Thus they share either their knowledge, fame, or their things among themselves.

I shall stand before the Lord God- realising the fact that the saints and the angels are praying for me- I shall seek the LORD with longing and pray.

Considering all the goodness that God has done for me, with gratitude surging in my heart, I will ask His grace to love the great and mighty God above all else, and to serve him always.

Pondering deep on all that the LORD has done for me,- that all that I have, He Himself has given to me, and that He has given His all, Himself for me, I shall meditate with deep thinking.

So, I shall give all that I have to the Great and mighty God- and shall love Him , giving of myself totally to Him!

I shall pray thus imploringly:

LORD take and receive!

My freedom, my thoughts and my memories.

My knowledge, my wishes.

Accept all that I have as my own!

You O LORD! Gave it all to me!

My LORD GOD ! I give it all back to You and You alone.

Everything belongs solely to You!

Use them all according to Your holy will!

Grant me Your Love and Your Grace. This is sufficient for me!

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**" HE HAS BEEN RAISED, AS HE SAID." ( Matthew 28:6)**



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**"All Authority In Heaven And On Earth Has Been Given To Me. Go Therefore And Make Disciples Of All Nations, Baptizing Them In The Name Of The Father And Of The Son And Of The Holy Spirit, And Teaching Them To Obey Everything That I Have Commanded You. And Remember, I Am With You Always , To The End Of The Age." ( Matthew 28:18-20)**

**Those Who Belong To Jesus Do Not Belong To Any Particular Religion. Instead They Are His Faithful Witnesses ! Jesus Does Not Belong To Any Particular Religion. A 'Religion' Is A 'Compilation Of Some Rituals.' Jesus Is Beyond Any Human Frame Work. Jesus Belongs "To All Peoples", "To All Nations." "Several Affectionate Faith-Filled Witnesses" Should Increase In Order That All May Accept Jesus As Their Own.**



**May the Good News that Jesus alone is the " Immanuel" ( Matthew 1:22-23) spread like a sweet fragrance every where.**

**" I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." ( Ephesians 3:18-19)**

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