



Based on the gospel for Sunday 6 September – Matthew 18:15-20

“For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.”

Some people find going to church intimidating, because it can make us examine our own faults and we can tell ourselves that we are not ‘good’ or ‘worthy’ enough to be there. But in his endless grace and compassion, God forgives our sins and there is nobody that he would not welcome into his house.

We should take encouragement from Jesus’s assurance that he is there among us, wherever two or three meet in his name. There is great power in prayer and God hears even the smallest of voices.

When I think of the love that Jesus bestowed upon everybody he encountered in his life, even people who hated him, I am truly humbled.

So let us follow his example, and not judge but help each other, inspired by our faith in the one who loved us first. Remembering that as Christians, we are there to serve him. To use our unity to pray for those who are sick, hungry, lost or lonely and to do whatever we can to reach out and support one another.

Lastly, let us rejoice that through God all things are possible.

Father, we pray for our brothers and sisters across the world. Give us hearts that seek you, help us to love and support each other as one family. Amen.



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