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Biblical Readings & Prayer Ideas

I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.

For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.

Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone?

And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

There are three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

As those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

GENESIS 1:26-31

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground--everything that has the breath of life in it--I give every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

WEDDING PRAYER

~ By Robert Louis Stevenson ~

Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank you for this place in which we dwell,
for the love that unites us,
for the peace accorded us this day,
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,
for the health, the work, the food,
and the bright skies that make our lives delightful;
for our friends in all parts of the earth.

Genesis 2:28-24

The Lord God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the Lord God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
This one shall be called 'woman,'
For out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

Amen

Here are some other you can google.

- Romans 8:31b-35,37-39 (The Love of Christ)
- Romans 12:1-2,9-13 (The Life of a Christian) - short version
- Romans 12:1-2,9-18 (The Life of a Christian) - longer version
- 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20 (Your Members of Temples of the Holy Spirit)
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Love is patient and kind)
- Ephesians 3:14-19 (The Father from whom every family is named)
- Ephesians 5:1-2,25-32 (The Mystery of Christian Marriage) - short version
- Ephesians 5:1-2,21-33 (The Mystery of Christian Marriage) - longer version
- Colossians 3:12-17 (Live in Love and Thanksgiving)
- 1 Peter 3:1-9 (Peace and Harmony in the Family)
- 1 John 3:18-24 (Love, Real and Active)
- 1 John 4:7-12 (God is Love)
- Revelation 19:1,5-9a (Marriage of the Lamb)
- Matthew 5:1-12a (The Beatitudes)
- Matthew 5:13-16 (Salt of the Earth, Light of the World)
- Matthew 7:21,24-25 (House Built upon a Rock) - short version
- Matthew 7:21,24-29 (House Built upon a Rock) - longer version
- Matthew 19:3-6 (What God Has United, Man Must Not Divide)
- Matthew 22:35-40 (Love, the Greatest Commandment)
- Mark 10:6-9 (Two Become One Body)
- John 2:1-11 (Marriage Feast in Cana of Galilee)
- John 15:9-12 (Remain in my Love)
- John 15:12-16 (Love One Another)
- John 17:20-23 (That They May Be One) - short version
- John 17:20-26 (That They May Be One) - longer version