

The others mean richness and not threat



PRAY

Good God, I would so much like to be a man who cultivates what is good and wards off what is evil. Open my eyes to the diversity of this world, so that I take pleasure and joy in it. Help me not disturb what is peculiar and beautiful. Give me signals to consider the consequences of my actions. Be with me and I will protect what is good and defend what is too weak to protect itself. Amen.



CONTEMPLATE

One person reads the Bible passage aloud. Short silence.

Exchange: *What particularly appealed to you?*



STUDY

1. Read DOCAT text sentence-for-sentence. Then one person reads the text aloud in full.
2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.).



DISCUSS

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

Treasure Book: *Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.*



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Mt 5:43-45

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

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How should human beings treat one another?

People in the world should regard themselves as a community and accept certain differences between individuals and peoples, since this variety is to be seen as wealth. This becomes increasingly important in times of globalization. We are bound together as "members of a common family", Pope John XXIII writes (MM 157). Values such as truth, solidarity, and freedom, which are indispensable in our everyday relationships, become more and more important globally, too, with the increasing interconnectedness of relations and dependencies. Only in the absence of violence, war, discrimination, intimidation, or deception is it possible to get along well. Therefore, the Church demands that economic and social globalization proceed together with a globalization of justice. Jesus Christ brought fundamental justice to the earth, and we, as his followers, have a special obligation to further this cause by our actions.

1. Where have you already experienced the diversity among cultures or individuals as richness?
2. What does tolerance or to tolerate somebody mean to you? Give some examples.
3. What are good „house rules“ for a successful life together? Apply this image to the world.
4. What would you like to learn from Jesus when you think of a good world order and a civilization of love ?

Imagine founding an ideal new village where people could live together in a new manner. Write down something like „house rules“ for all who want to live in this village.

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