

**This Sunday's Gospel, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 9:38-43, 47-48)**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, but we did not let him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink just because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

This is the Gospel of the Lord



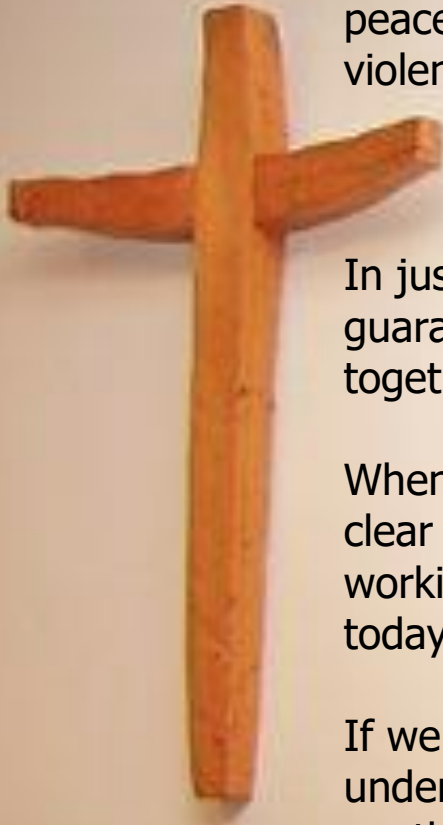
Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection:

During this week in 1979, Pope John Paul II made a visit to Ireland. While he was there he called for peace and challenged the people to work together for their future.



It's a sad fact that in many places in the world today there just isn't peace. There are countries, towns and communities torn apart by violence. In some cases, even families.

In just about every conflict there are some things that you can guarantee: people aren't listening to each other, people aren't working together, and people aren't willing to see the good in one another.

When he visited Ireland, the Pope called for peace. But he made the clear point that peace would not be achievable if people didn't start working together. We hear world leaders making this same point again today about various global conflicts.

If we are not prepared to listen to one another, then we can't understand each other. If we are not prepared to help and aid one another, then everything we try to accomplish will be harder for all of us. And if we only see the bad in others, and never the good, then our lives will never be full of love, and we will always feel bad about being who we are.

Perhaps this morning we can pray for peace in the world around us. Perhaps too, we can pray for ourselves, that we can always be people of peace - people who reach out to others in love, understanding and generosity.

Final Prayer



Loving Father,

Your love has the power to bring peace to the most troubled minds and the most delicate situations. Be with those in the world who are not at peace, and be with those places where conflict is tearing lives apart. Help us to be people of peace. Help us today to bring comfort and healing into every situation, rather than bitterness and anger.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection: This week will see CAFODs Family Fast day, part of CAFODs Harvest Campaign. Lets reflect on the work CAFOD does...



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Let us pray...



Here and now

Here and now, Lord,
I hold before you simply
some of the seven billion people
with whom I share this world.

Although I may never meet them
nor even know their names,
I place them in your loving care.

Guide them. Support them. Be with them.
May they be full of your love
and share it with those they meet,
as I, once more, commit myself to do the same.

Amen.

Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection

*This week we are thinking about team work.
Who are the people we work with in life?
Who are the people who support us and who
are the people we need to support?*



You are invited to close your eyes and to think about some of the people who are your teammates in life.

[please read slowly, pausing after each]

Who are the people who look after you and help you in life? Are you grateful to them?

Who do you work with in school? Do you always carry your weight?

Who are the people at home?

Are you always a loving and caring family member?

Do you always forgive when you should?

Do you always help out when you should?



And finally, who are the people you really love most in the world?

How do you show them that love?

Final Prayer

Loving Father,

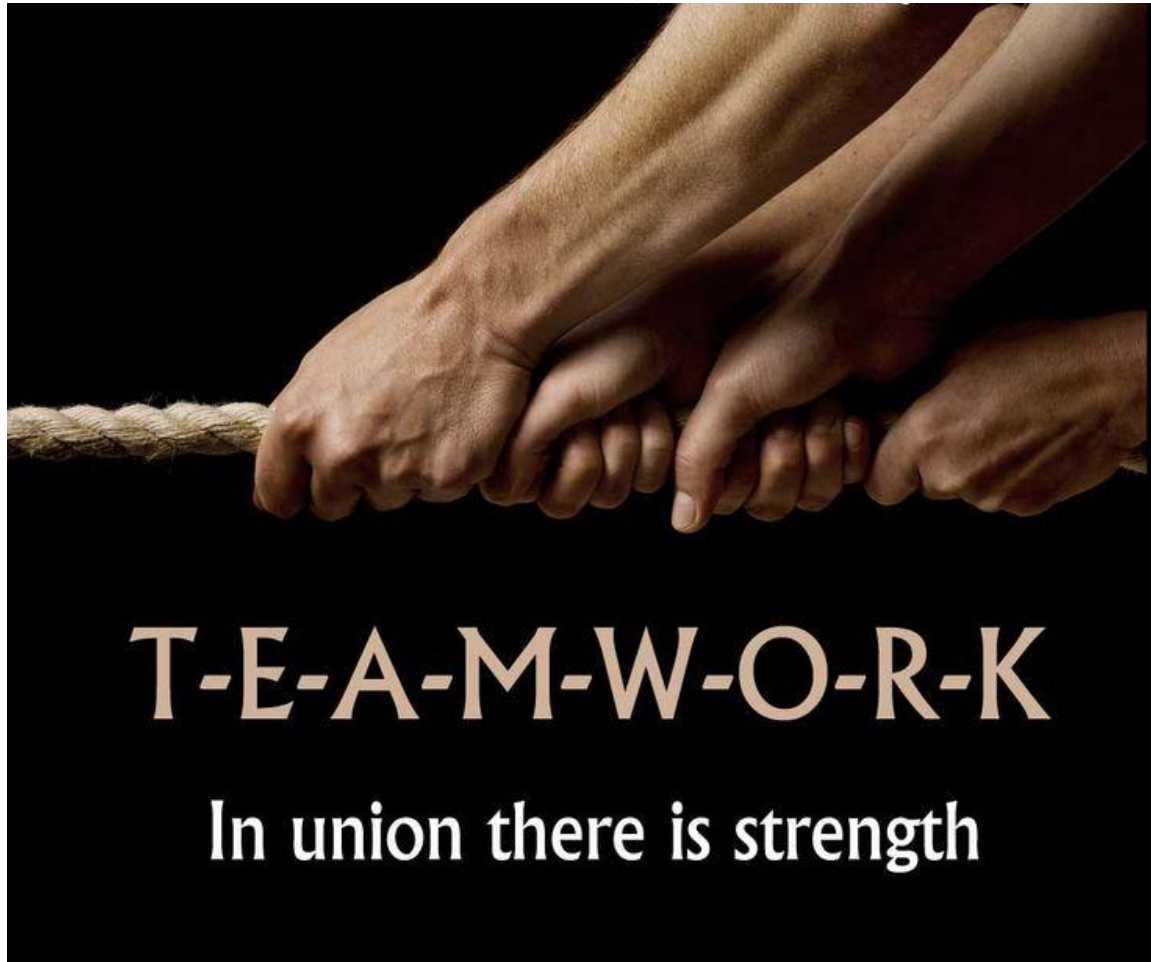
When you created people you didn't create us to be alone, but to be part of a big wide world. You made us in communities and you wanted those communities to work.

Give us the things that we need to be good friends to others. May we always show love and gratitude to others, and may we always play our part with love, generosity, courage and patience.

In the name of the Father and of the Son...



Final Thought...



Next weeks theme: Family