



Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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Love is a Many Splendored Thing

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“**God is love.**” (1 Jn 4:8b)

“Love is a Many Splendored Thing”

Had St. Paul known the writer of this song, he might agree with the lyricist.

Paul says, “**Love** is patient, kind, humble, satisfied,

not rude, not self-seeking,

not easily angered,

keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not:

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delight in evils,

rejoices with the truth,

Love

protects,

trusts,

hopes,

perseveres, and

never fails.” (1Cor 13: 4-8a)

Another author, C.S. Lewis classifies 4 loves: Affection, Friendship, Eros and Agape loves.

My final source the Catholic Encyclopedia: Love speaks of (1) the persons who claim our love, (2) the advantages which we desire to procure for them, and (3) the necessity in which they are placed.

You ask, “Then who can love like this?

It is difficult, but doable, yet perhaps to some it becomes an overwhelming task. **It is doable** because at our Baptism,

God, who is love, infused into our souls his **love**.

Review and renew those Baptismal vows and rejoice! **God is Love**. God loves you!

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. How does lack of self-love affect our neighbors?
2. What two commandments sum up the whole law?
3. To which category of people do you belong? “love of power” or “power of love”

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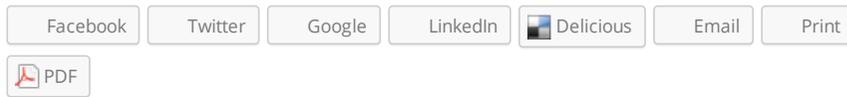
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4. How do you see that tendency in your daily lives?
5. Who needs your love most this week?
6. Why is it that we just don't like some people?

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