



This Sunday, we hear what is, possibly, one of the most famous parables in all the Gospels—a message from Jesus which is as clear today as it would have been when Jesus first told it some 2000 years ago. A message which leads us to think: What would you do if you came across someone in need?

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For the Jews who first heard Jesus' parable, the Samaritan who stops to help the victim was a member of a traditionally inferior section of society. It would have come as a shock that it was he who was the 'hero' of the story. Jesus is reminding them that everyone is a member of God's family, irrespective of belief, home nation or physicality. In a world that is, unfortunately, becoming divided in many different ways, this is a message which should be heeded by us all.

In our own personal lives of faith, it is important for us to recognise that Christ, the Good Samaritan, stops for us. Each of us has had our own personal moments when we have been "lying by the roadside": moments of anxiety and confusion; times when we were in need of Christ's forgiveness; experiences of facing illness and dealing with the loss of loved ones. Usually through other people, Christ has stopped for us to be a source of healing. It is through our awareness of his being Good Samaritan for us that you and I are empowered to stop for others by the roadside.

Lord, help me to be ever aware of the commandment to love You and to love my neighbour as myself.

Lord, help me to be a merciful neighbour, even when it is inconvenient, when time is short or other responsibilities loom.

Help me to remember the Good Samaritan and Jesus' simple message: "Go and do likewise."  
Amen

*Lord, thank You for letting us work with You to share your joy with the world. Help us not take for granted the gift it is to share Your Gospel to the nations, and to our neighbours. Help us have eyes to see the needs around us and to respond to those needs in joy and hope. Thank You so much Lord for Your love and care over us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

**This week let us pray for:**

**Loving God,**

On this 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time,

we thank you for gathering us together as a school family.

Help us to listen to your word and to follow the example of the Good Samaritan.

Open our eyes to see those in need,

open our ears to hear the cries of those who are hurting,  
and open our hearts to show kindness, compassion, and love to everyone.

Guide us to be neighbours to all we meet,  
regardless of differences or distance.

Give us the courage to act when someone needs our help.

May your Holy Spirit inspire us to live out your message  
in our classrooms, playground, and homes.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



**Who is my neighbour?**

**Luke 10:25-37**