

Collective Worship – RESPECT 5 (Respect and Reverence for Others)

Welcome – As we light the candle we join together to worship God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and to think about our value for this term 'Respect'.

Do you think that it is okay for people to be treated differently because of where they live, the colour their skin, their job, the amount of money they have or because they might look different to others?

This week we are thinking about respect and reverence for others. This means that everyone on this planet has got a right to live, to be free and to feel safe.

There have been some things on the news recently about people being treated really badly and even killed because of the colour of their skin.

How often do look at people that are different from us and either laugh at them or think that we are better than them?

Jesus taught us that we should love everyone as we love ourselves.

One person who tried to show love and respect for everyone around her was a woman called Mother Teresa.

Story – One day in 1952, as Mother Teresa walked past the busy Calcutta hospital she saw a woman lying on the pavement. She went over to try to help but she could see that the woman was dying.

Mother Teresa carried her into the hospital but the staff would not let the woman stay. 'She's too ill and too poor' they said. Mother Teresa was furious. She refused to move until the nurses gave the woman a bed.

Thus incident made Mother Teresa adamant that a home was needed for the poor and homeless of Calcutta who were very ill and had nowhere else to go. She went to the City Council to ask if they would give her a building in which to start up hostel. They said 'no' but she did not give up and kept asking. Eventually the Council gave in and let her have the building.

With the help of other nuns, they worked tirelessly doing God's work looking after people in need. It didn't matter what their race was, what colour their skin was, their background, education or lack of wealth. If people needed help they were treated with respect and as equals.

Reflection –

In God's eyes everyone is equal. Everyone who believes in God has a place in heaven and there they will worship together. People from all nations will be together in heaven.

What can we do for people that aren't treated with respect? We could raise money for a charity that helps people in need, we could share what we have with others and we can think about the way we talk about people who are different from us.

None of us would like to be laughed at because of the colour or style of our hair or for the home that we live in. We need to think about everyone as being loved by God and special.

Prayer - Christ let me see you in others. Christ let others see you in me. Amen.

Things to do –

- Do something nice for someone without telling them that you are going to do it
- Smile at people that you meet.
- Can you raise money or donate something to a charity
- Read more about Mother Teresa and the things that she did in Calcutta

To watch the video of this collective Worship follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTQJ4r9beck>

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