



**Love your
Neighbour:**

**Remember
Reflect
Respond**

**Reflection materials for individuals or groups,
inspired by prayers written by children from
St Nicholas' C of E School, Boston for
Racial Justice Sunday 2026**

Reflection One - Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

Passage

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'

He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: "'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'"

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Remember...

Racism is real.

How can we ensure that we can truly love someone else as much as ourselves?

What stops us?

What makes this commandment possible?

Pray

Dear God,

Sometimes the world feels like people are fighting and not listening to each other.

It makes me sad when people hate or hurt others just because they are different.

Please help us to stop arguing and start caring.

Show me how to be kind, even when it's hard.

Help me to forgive and not join in when others are mean.

Please guide everyone to work together and share love instead of hate.

I pray for a world where people smile at each other, where no one feels left out, and where we all live like friends.

Thank you for always listening to me.

Amen.

Amanda O – Year 6

Reflection Two - Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Passage

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.

'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'

He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'

And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

Jesus replied,

'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?'

He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.'

Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Reflect...

Ethnic diversity is part of God's divine plan and is something to be celebrated.

Where do we encounter diversity?

What does showing mercy look like in our daily lives?

How do we experience receiving unexpected kindness?

Pray

Lord, thank you for the story of the Good Samaritan.

It shows me that loving others means helping everyone, not just the people who are like me. Sometimes it's hard to care for people who seem different, but You teach us that everyone is our neighbour.

Help me to be curious and learn about people instead of judging them.

Help me to be present when someone needs help, even if I'm busy or it feels awkward.

And help me to reimagine a world where no one walks past someone who is hurting, but instead stops and shows kindness.

I hope for a world where people don't ignore each other,

where everyone feels safe and cared for, and where kindness is normal.

I hope for a world where everyone can let their light shine.

Please guide me to be brave and kind like the Good Samaritan, so my light can shine and make the world better.

Amen.

Leo – Yr 5

Reflection Three - Micah 6:8

What does God require of us?

Passage

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Respond...

The Lord asks us to respond.

What does doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God look like today?

Can we respond to God by working for racial justice through prayer and action?

What does this look like in our church, in our community, in daily life?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for bringing me to this place where I can learn and make new friends.

Please help me to let my light shine so others can see Your love through me.

Our world feels full of fighting and people not understanding each other.

Please guide us to choose kindness instead of hate.

Help us to be brave when we see something wrong
and to stand up for what is fair, even if it's hard.

Thank You for the people who have already stood up for what is right.

They show us that even one person can make a big difference.

I pray for a world where everyone is treated the same,
where no one is hungry, and where we all live in peace together.

Please help me to do my part.

Amen.

Meekah – Yr 6

Reflection Four - Mark 12:28-31

The First Commandment

Passage

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'

Jesus answered, '

The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Remembering, Responding, Reflecting...

What will you do now in remembering, responding and reflecting to the call to 'Love your Neighbour'?

Talk to God and to others about this.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the heroes who showed courage and hope,

like Dr Harold Moody, Rosa Parks, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

They didn't give up when things were unfair, and they remind me that You want us to love everyone.

Sometimes people judge others because of their skin colour or where they come from.

That's not what Your Kingdom looks like.

In Your Kingdom, everyone is treated the same, everyone is loved,

and no one feels afraid because of who they are.

Please help me to be brave like those heroes.

Help me to speak up when something is wrong and to show kindness, even when it's hard.

Teach me to see people the way You see them.

I pray for a world where there is no prejudice, no hatred, and no division—just peace, friendship, and love;
where I can make a difference too.

Amen.

Alayo – Yr 6