

# Sub-Dean's Devotional, Sunday 16 May 2021

What the saints say about love:

- Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of (human beings), God does nothing without this goal in mind. -Saint Catherine of Siena
- The things that we love tell us what we are. -Saint Thomas Aquinas
- It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start. -Saint Theresa of Calcutta
- While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. Saint Francis of Assisi
- If any of you should wish to act out of love, do not imagine it to be a self-abasing, passive and timid thing. And do not think that love can be preserved by a sort of gentleness – or rather tame listlessness. This is not how it is preserved. Do not imagine ... that you love your son when you do not discipline him, or that you love your neighbor when you do not rebuke him. This is not love, it is feebleness. Love should be fervent to correct. -Saint Augustine
- Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for. -Saint Therese of Lisieux
- Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness - St Teresa of Avila.

My love to you all

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