

Love your neighbour
as yourself.

Mark 12.³¹





We have gathered together
in the name of God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and think about our value generosity.

A good way to test how generous we are being to others is to think about whether we are being as good to them as we are to ourselves

Jesus said

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One of America's best known legends is the story of Johnny Appleseed.

Johnny had a dream, to grow so many apples that no one would ever go hungry. As a young man he travelled across America. He always carried a leather bag full of apple seeds that he collected for free from cider mills after the apples had been crushed to make juice.

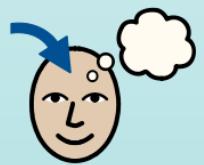
As he travelled he planted seeds in open spaces in the forest, along the roadside and by streams. Year after year he returned to tend the trees and when they were big enough he sold them or gave them to villagers. He wanted every villager to plant an apple tree.

As people began to know him and look forward to his visits, no door was ever closed to him. He was a news carrier and a friend, he was the 'appleseed' man. He lived very humbly, eating the food he found, not worrying about new clothes or good shoes, but he did always carry his favourite book, his Bible. He told people he met wonderful stories from the Bible about God's generosity.



Johnny Appleseed Song





learning

GENEROSITY

What is generosity?

Generosity is...

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

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Which line is the best
way of describing
generosity?
Why?



Which lines do you
think describe Johnny
Appleseed?



responding

Today's prayer was written by a 16th century Spanish Knight. He was badly wounded in battle. While he was recovering he saw a vision of Jesus and his mother Mary. He believed that God was giving him a message to stop fighting and live a life of service instead.

I'll lead the prayer if you would like to make the prayer yours join in with the Amen at the end.





Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola

Dear Lord,

teach me to be generous,

teach me to serve you as you deserve;

to give and not to count the cost,

to fight and not to heed the wounds,

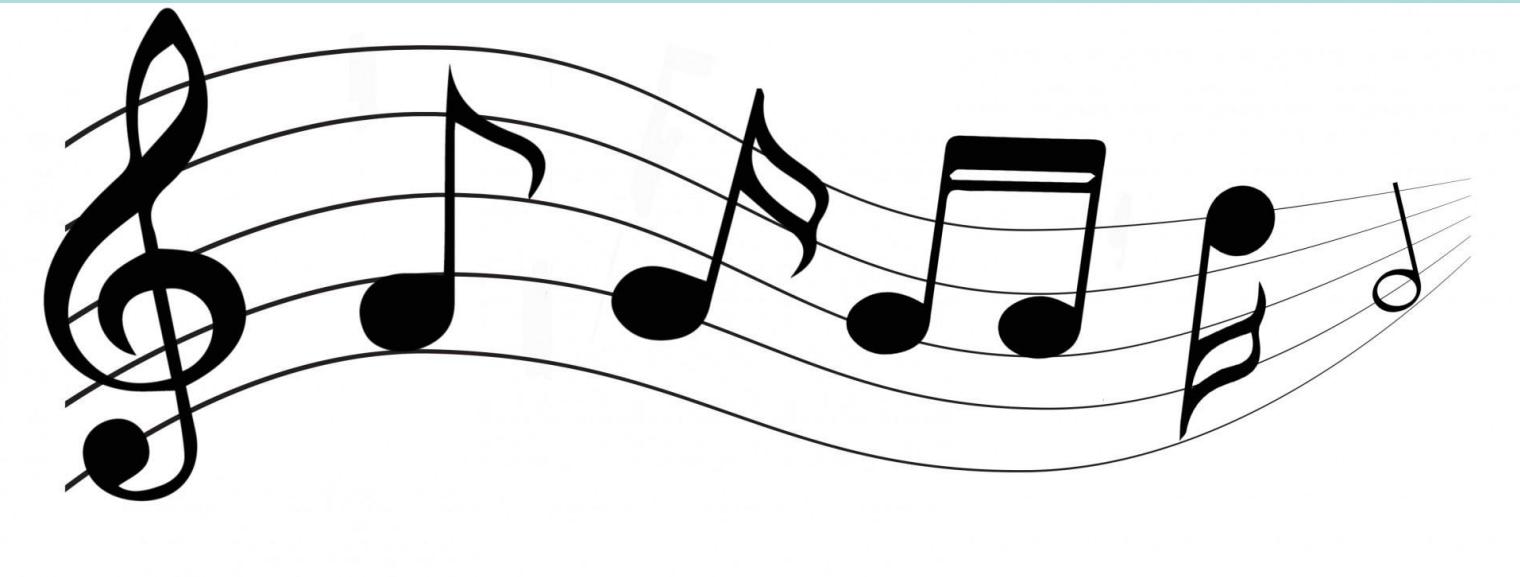
to toil and not to seek for rest,

to labour and not to ask for reward.

Amen



Let's sing



Generosity: Share The Light Of Jesus

Written by Bernadette Farrell

1 Share the light of Jesus.

Share the light that shows the way.

Share the light of Jesus.

Share God's spirit today

Share God's spirit today.

2 Share the word of Jesus.

Share the word that shows the way.

Share the word of Jesus.

Share God's spirit today

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3 Share the love of Jesus.

Share the love that shows the way.

Share the love of Jesus.

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4 Share the smile of Jesus.

Share the smile that shows the way.

Share the smile of Jesus.

Share God's spirit today

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Dear God

Thank you for our amazing school
and all the opportunities we have to shine.



Thank you God

Thank you for the church and school community that helps us to anchor
our lives in faith and our confidence to shine brighter.

Thank you God

Help us to show the light of Christ in everything we think, say and do.

Help us God

Help us to have the strength to be positive and
spread happiness to everyone we meet.

Help us God

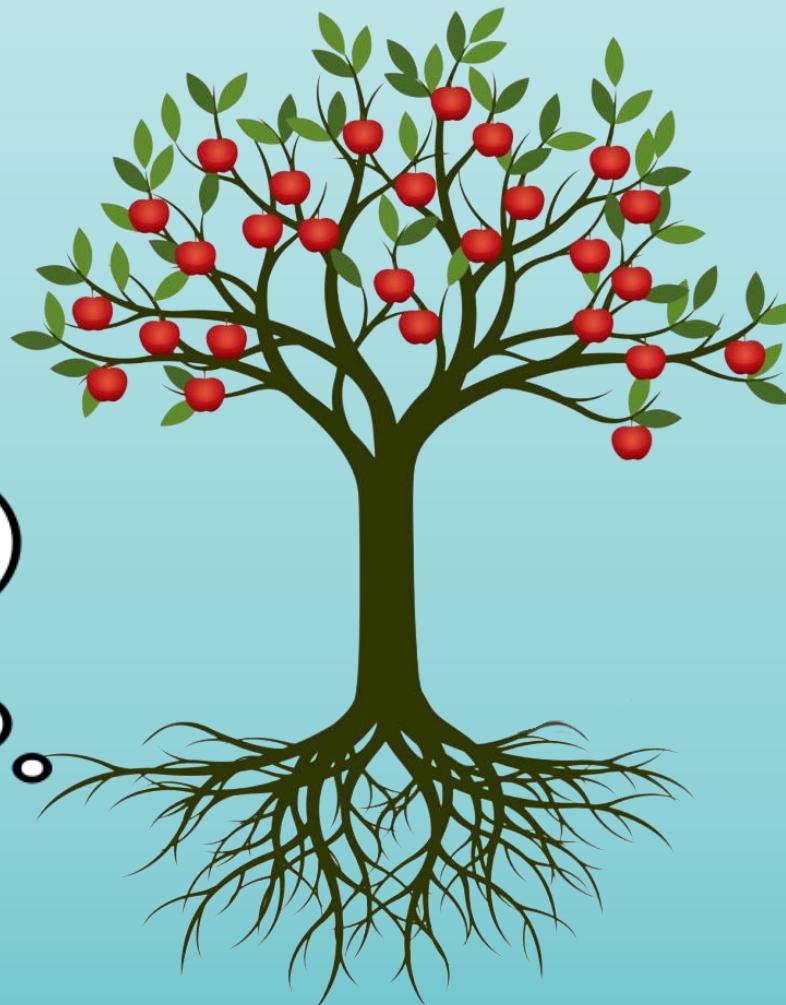
Let your light shine through us.

Amen



Fruits from the roots

How are you
sowing seeds for
the future?



How generous are
you with your time
and talents?

