



Love Is The Way
by
Bishop Michael Curry
Holding on to Hope in Troubling
Times

OASIS Protocols for Breakout Rooms and General Discussion A review

Assign spokesperson/note taker at beginning of breakout session

Ensure all participants have a chance to speak (if they want to speak)

Be respectful in considering and giving feedback to new or different views

When possible, a team member may be present in each breakout room to provide support

AGAPE

Greek word for love. A sacrificial love that seeks the well-being of others, of society, of the world.

Same word used to describe the love of God in the New Testament.

The love that Michael Curry writes about is agape: love that looks outward, it is an action with force and follow-through. Describe times you have used the word “love” this past week?

Josie Robbins is “what love looks like”.

Love is Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Malala Yousafzai, Fannie Lou Hamer, Francis Perkins, fire fighters, first responders, peaceful protesters, Grace Ch.

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Corinthians

13: 1-8,13

This scripture is often read at weddings, but it was written to a conflicted church in Corinth. Each side was puffed up, presuming its way was better. Each thought it was more important, more right, more righteous than the other faction. This is Paul's word to them:

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Corinthians
13: 1-3

The Way of Love

13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. NIV

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8,13

The Way of Love

13 ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.

13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

NIV

Breakout 1

Josie Robbins embodied the love this book is about in her care for the Curry Family after Mrs. Curry's illness.

Who has made sacrificial, self-giving love real to you?

Love's great, but how does it apply to real world decisions?

Where have you seen love as an intentional action and not just a sentiment, make a difference?

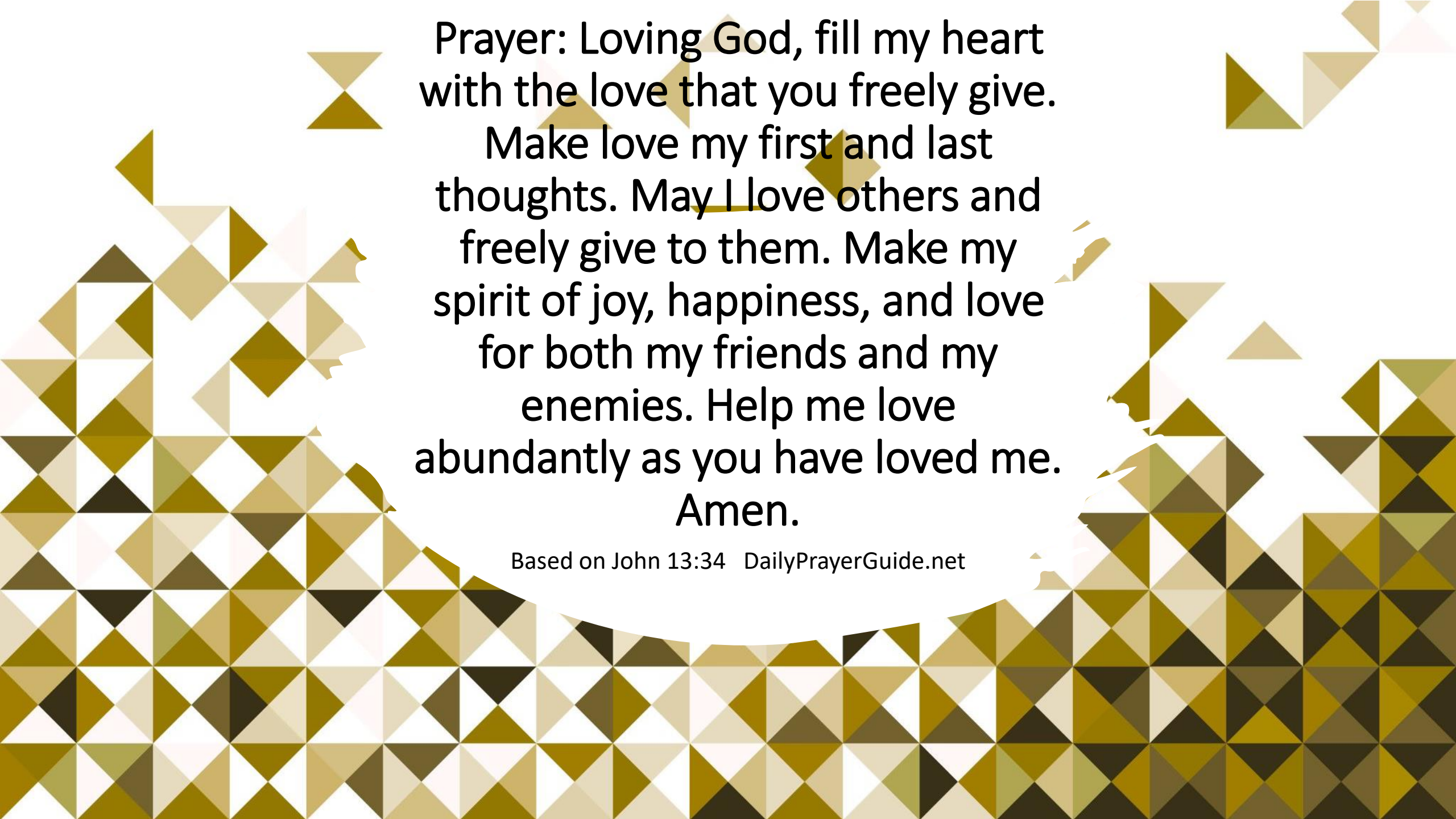
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Breakout 2

“Agape” is the Greek word for love that seeks the well being of another. Therefore, Bishop Curry says, if we want to turn on “God’s GPS”, we simply have to ask, “Is this just about me or is this about we?”

What aspect of your life is easiest or hardest to orient to this kind of love?

Courtesy of author Kate Bowler



Prayer: Loving God, fill my heart
with the love that you freely give.
Make love my first and last
thoughts. May I love others and
freely give to them. Make my
spirit of joy, happiness, and love
for both my friends and my
enemies. Help me love
abundantly as you have loved me.
Amen.

Based on John 13:34 DailyPrayerGuide.net