

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power ... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge." – Ephesians 3:17-19 NIV God sent his Son Jesus so that we may "have eternal life" (John 3:16). And we know that he gave his life for us. "Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). This is what we should certainly be trying our utmost to do.

But we often forget this and unfortunately live our lives as we want to, turning to the pleasures of the world, and pushing forward to be bigger and better than our neighbours. Or try to amass pots of money, trying to gain power over others less well of than ourselves. But this is really not the correct way to live the life that God wants us to live. He taught us to love one another as he loved us, and we can do this by ensuring that we remember to keep the love in our hearts for others around us. then we can be rewarded by knowing we are doing what God wants us to do with our lives.

Paul prays that we will remain "rooted and established in love". On this deep basis we should be able to stay true to our belief and faith to live within the bounds of God's love. On reading our bibles we are reminded just how much God wants to be in our life, so much so, that we can feel his love surrounding us all day and every day. It is a deep, deep love not as the world loves but a love so deep and so wide that it encompasses everything beyond our understanding. And that is a love that we can never match but we can only pray that we love one another as he commanded us to do.

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, assist us to hold on to the deep love you have for us. be with us as we take your love to others so they may feel your love reaching out to them. Thank for loving each one of us. Amen.