

## *Love your enemies*

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Mat 5,43-48

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My dearest,

I'm not sure we have truly understood, in depth, this Reading.

The Lord asks us to choose to live like His children so that “**you may be children of your Father in heaven**”.

We are all creatures and in some way we are also His children because He created us; however, he wants to make us His children in a special way and very particular way, by granting us the intimacy, the togetherness that children have with their parents which is different from an artist with his work.

This, however, depends solely upon us and the capability we have to embrace **His** perspectives, **His** lifestyle, **His** way of looking upon reality, **His** way of relating to things.

So the lord says to us:

- if we are able to love our enemies,
- if we go beyond the “eye for eye, tooth for tooth”, the give and take, the sympathy and antipathy conception,
- if we take on the sense of making ourselves into a gift for others, entirely, unconditionally, generously, a universal gift embracing everything and everyone,
- if we are capable to cover the world just as sunlight does and reach all things,
- if we do not close ourselves, if we do not imprison ourselves with our own hands, our own selfishness, our egos
- if we have the courage to open up and give to others like God gives himself,

**then we are able to experience becoming true children of God.**

As a matter of fact, the reading states: “**He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**”

Let us learn from Him if we really do want live, if we really want to experiment His love, His peace, His friendship and the unity He is able to give.

Praised be Jesus Christ.