

REMAIN IN MY LOVE (based on John 15:9-14)

I love you in the same way as the Father loves me. My love for you never changes. Remain in my love.

I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. If you do the same and keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.

I am telling you this because I want to be full of joy for you and I want you to be full of joy for me.

This is my commandment, "Love one another in the same way as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends, is to give up his life for them. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT (based on John 16:5,7,13)

Jesus said, "I am going back to my Father who sent me. It is better for you if I go away. If I go I will be able to send someone else to help you – the Holy Spirit of truth. The Holy Spirit will guide and lead you. The Holy Spirit will help you to understand all the things I have done and everything that I have said to you. He will teach you everything that I have learned from my Father. The Holy Spirit will help you to know how you are to live, now and in the future."

JESUS' PRAYER FOR HIS FRIENDS (based on John 17:11-12; 20-23)

"Holy Father, I am coming to you.

Keep my friends safe.

They belong to you.

Keep them close to you and to each other.

Let them be as close as I am to you.

I kept them close to you."

"Father, I pray for these my friends

and for all those in the future whom they will bring to know me.

Just as you and I are one,

I pray that my friends will always be one with us and with one another.

I pray that they will be so at one with one another,

that everyone will know that you sent me,

and that you have loved them as you have loved me."