

Daily Reflection

March 28, 2020

The Daily Office readings for today contain one of the most cherished passages in scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, defining love: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/March/whole/morning/28m.html>

St. Paul does not come across as warm and fuzzy in the Bible. The artistic rendering below captures his intensity. But his trust in the love of God made known in Jesus gave him insights about love that both believers and unbelievers admire.

"Love is not envious" Envy is an ever-present impulse that gets in the way of love. The grass is *always* greener on the other side of the fence. Right now, we may envy:

Those who still have a job;
Those who will collect unemployment;
Those who have company at home;
Those who are not trapped at home with someone irritating!
Those who can use technology well;
Those who aren't bothered by constant emails.

Envy knows no bounds. Even when turning to the Morning Prayer services commended here, we may envy the accomplishments of the saints it describes.

What are its roots? We envy because we have not yet absorbed the great truth revealed in the Book of Genesis. When God made all humankind (*together*) in God's image, we were formed in connection to one another. Whatever blessing touches you, is my blessing as well. Crisis can spur growth in appreciation of this abiding truth. It can spur us to live more fully in the Kingdom of Heaven. **May it be so.**

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Pompeo Giralamo Batoni (1708-1787),
St. Paul, Basildon Park, The National Trust, UK.