





HUMANITY AS THE FAMILY OF GOD

The awareness of one's true identity as the beloved of God is an important blessing for any person. As one grows in the awareness of this grace of being beloved of God, one is invited to extend one's horizon and to see members of one's family and society at large.

Branding people as the cause of division: At times, we identify some with their profession like teacher, doctor, carpenter, etc and some others with their religion, caste, ethnicity, etc. The corona pandemic has taught us that the virus does not make distinction between religion, caste, class, and region. It is we, humans, who have stratified our society leading to division.

Each one is the beloved of God: As I look around my family and society, the Lifeline tells me that every member of my family is His beloved. Every member is divine and precious. Stay on with every member of your family and experience the divinity of each one of them.

Humanity as the family of God: Similarly, as I look at those who work with me at my work place, those whom I meet in the market place like vendors, beggars, strangers, victims of corona virus, migrants, the corona warriors all of them are beloved of God despite being members of different religions. This awareness will make me to believe that we are all human beings and we are equal in every way. We come from God and go back to God. The entire humanity is one family and all of us are brothers and sisters.

Exercise:

- Look at your family members with the eyes of faith and see each one of them as the beloved of God and pray for them.
- Look at the poor, the marginalized who knock at your door and see them as the beloved of God and pray for them and reach out to them.
- Look at those with whom you have a difficulty to relate, with whom you have stopped communicating; look at them as the beloved of God and pray for them.
 Whenever you get a negative thought about them, think something positive about them because they are the beloved of God.
- Pray for all those who are affected by the pandemic and whisper a prayer because all of them are my brothers and sisters.

WE ARE A FAMILY OF GOD!