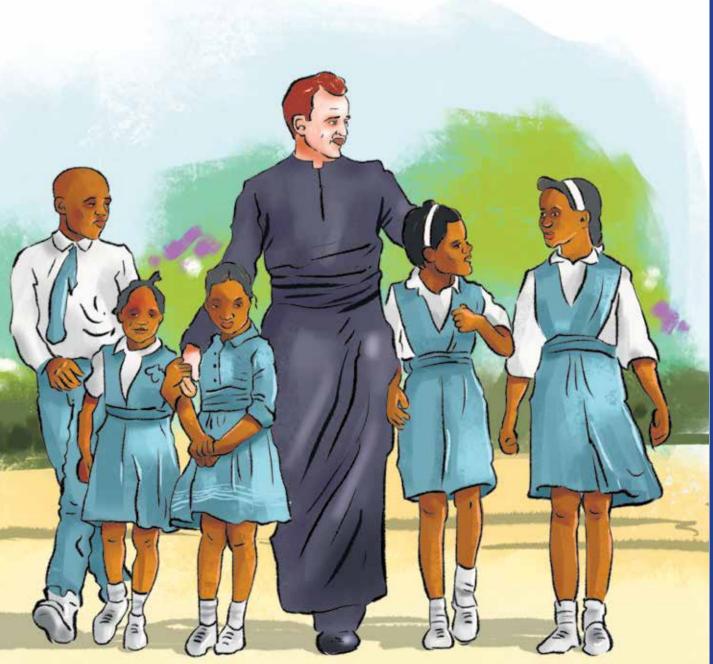


## **Happy are the Peacemakers**

Making peace demands great inner strength and sacrifice unlike fighting a war. That is why you have never heard of an award for waging or winning a war. In fact, the Noble Peace Prize is awarded annually to those who promote peace.

Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk who lived in the US, wrote how making peace involves the most heroic labour and the most difficult sacrifice. "It demands greater heroism than war," he observed.



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As we reflect upon the seventh Beatitude, it is important to know that when human relationships go wrong it leads to major disturbances in the lives of individuals, communities and nations. To repair a broken relationship is never an easy task.

Making peace was an important part of the life and mission of Jesus. He came to restore the peace between God and humans which was damaged due to the disobedience of humans

Jesus, therefore, made peace the most important condition for humans to be called the children of God.

One of the greatest peacemakers, Reverend Martin Luther King, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for working towards racial unity in the United States. He led the struggle of the African-American people against the racial discrimination and exploitation by the majority community.





## Word of God Luke 5:27-32

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up, left everything, and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."



Read: War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy is an all-time great literary masterpiece by the greatest Russian writer who lived between 1828 and 1910. The novel is about the invasion of Russia by Napoleon in 1812 and it is woven around three characters who bring out Tolstoy's literary genius along with his philosophy and theology. Tolstoy was indeed a Christian theologian too who reached that stage through a lot of struggle. Tolstoy was one of Mahatma Gandhi's favourite writers and thinkers. Translated from the Russian by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky, the 1296 page work is indeed a magnum opus.

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Read, listen or watch Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous speech "I have a Dream" that became a clarion call for peace and unity all over the world. Watch one of the many movies made on his life. In 2014 the latest movie Selma was made and was nominated to Oscar.

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