



DAY 20 | May 20, 2020

Scripture

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” — **COLOSSIANS 3:12-14**

Inspiration

If there was ever a time that the world needed people of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, that time is now! I love the imagery of this passage: “clothe yourselves.” Every morning, as we’re getting ready to start our day, we literally layer these qualities on; item by item, we cover ourselves with these — and over them all, a robe made out of love! In fact, **the blessing is that love not only completes the ensemble, but also completes us in a way that makes us so available to others, that we walk in unity — even during this crazy, worrisome, difficult time!** So, as you get ready to take on whatever God puts in your path today, take these qualities and layer them on. Then walk boldly forward, watching for those blessings to come!

Prayer

GRACIOUS FATHER, what a blessing it is that you give us these virtues to wrap ourselves in every single day! Without you providing these, we would constantly fall short on compassion, kindness, gentleness, humility and patience. Without your provision, we’d be a mess. **Instead, we can get up each day and press on, knowing we can be what you made us to be: people wrapped in love and living in unity.** That sounds so different than what we are living through, what we see on television and what we hear from “the world.” Yet, that’s exactly why you have chosen us to be different, **because we are “holy and dearly loved” — by you!** What a blessing. **AMEN.**