



Teen Prayers on Friendship and Judgment

Lord Jesus Christ,
You make the sun rise
on the evil and on the good,
and You send rain
on the just and on the unjust.
You love every person,
even if they do not want to receive Your love.
Help me to be loving
even to people that I do not feel close to.
Help me to treat everyone
in the same way
that I would like them to treat me,
with kindness and justice.
Amen.

Heavenly Father,
Teach me the truths of Your Word,
so that I may have the understanding
to see the evils in myself.
Give me the wisdom and compassion
to remove the plank from my own eye,
before I offer advice and help to my brother
on removing the speck from his eye.
Amen. (see Matthew 7:3-5).

Lord,
Help me to live a life of true charity,
to think kindly of other people
and to wish them well.
Help me also to look for the good in each person,
for it is the good that I am to love,
rather than any externals.
Help me also remember
that it is not angelic to judge the evils in a person,
unless, at the same time,
I search for what is good in him,
for that is charity.
Amen. (see *Arcana Coelestia* 2284:5, 4804, 10381).