



September 10, 2017


Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul wrote of “the one who . . . has fulfilled the law” (Romans 13:8).

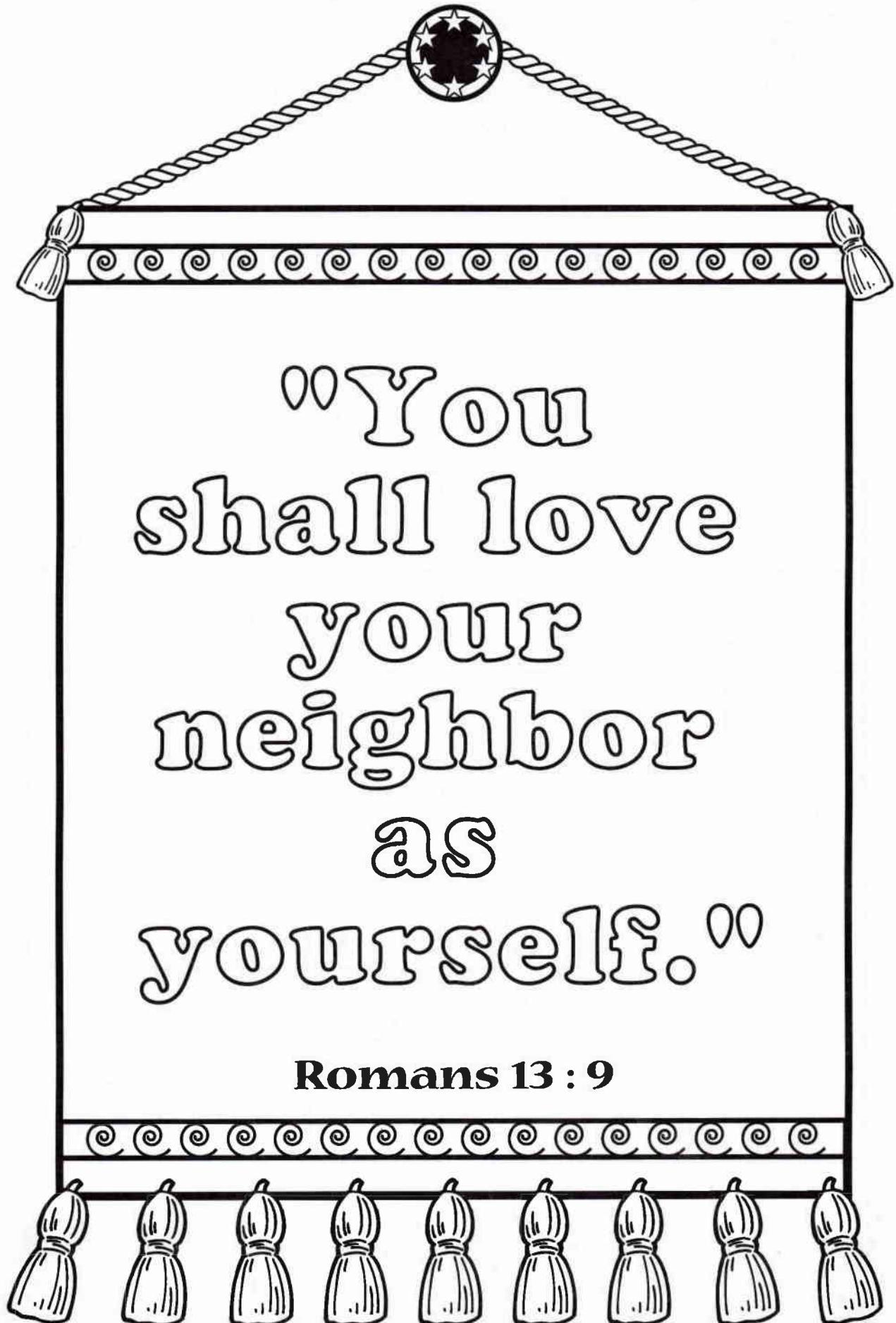
Do you know who it is?

To find out, cross out each letter that appears in the grid five times.

Write the answer at the bottom.

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"You
shall love
your
neighbor
as
yourself."

Romans 13:9



MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION

Tomorrow, September 11, is the sixteenth year we will pause and remember the people lost in a great tragedy in 2001. Many of you were not even born at that time. But as with many important events in history, the people who came before us, like our parents and grandparents, keep the memory of this event alive.

Why do we do this? Remembering this occasion brings great sorrow to many people who lost loved ones. But when they see people around the country and around the world standing with them, they know their sorrow is shared, and that makes it a little easier to bear.

Remembering also helps us to work for change in our country and in our world so that acts of violence like this will not happen again. Working for peace and justice takes courage and patience, whether in our family or all over the world. Change will not happen quickly, so we can never give up.

Visit the website of the 9-11 Memorial. This memorial is a tribute to all those who died on that day. It is also a ray of hope for those of us who still live and work to create a peaceful world. Watch the memorial ceremonies on television and on various websites. Pray Psalm 27 with your family. Ask God to help us all, and to be our light and our refuge in times of sorrow.



The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD, take courage;
be stouthearted, wait for the LORD!

(Psalm 27:1, 13-14)



Ask an adult in your family if you can go to church to light a candle in memory of those who died. Remember to say a prayer for their family members as well. If your church doesn't have votive candles you might, with a parent's permission, light one in your home each night this week and pray the psalm.



Jesus tells us that
wherever two or three of us gather to pray,
he is there with us (Matthew 18:20).

So we should pray together often.

Follow the directions to make yourself a hanging mobile reminder.

Color the praying hands with colors of different skin tones. Color the words orange and the cross green.
Cut along the thick outer line.
Poke a hole through the small circle above the cross.
Hang your mobile from string or thread.



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