

- 1 On his Visit to Britain in 1982, Pope John Paul II spoke in Glasgow. The Pope said that Jesus offers a new way of living:
- 2 *“to be gentle, generous, simple, and above all, sincere; to avoid being arrogant, fault-finding, or self-seeking. The disciples of the new Kingdom must seek happiness even amidst poverty, deprivation, tears and oppression. To aim for the Kingdom requires a radical change in outlook, in mentality, in behaviour, in relationships with others.*
- 3 *Jesus offers a new way of life... He has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus.”*
- 4 *Let us pray:*

Lord Jesus,
 you call us friends
 and you call each one of us
 by name.

May your Holy Spirit
 be fully alive in us
 that we may truly
 appreciate and love ourselves,
 and so more readily
 value and serve others.

When we experience sorrow
 or the loss of someone,
 give us courage and support
 that we may better encourage others
 who share
 the same kind of experience.

Lead us to act justly and fairly,
 helping people
 to see the best in one another,
 so that those who have fallen out
 may be reconciled and live in peace.

May we learn always
 to be genuine and sincere,
 avoiding arrogance
 and doing others down,
 treating other people
 as the equals that they are.

Bless us when times are hard,
 and walk with us
 as the Good Shepherd
 who leads and protects. Amen.

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to research this topic further.

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