

# Year 6

## Option for the poor and vulnerable

**BIG QUESTION: How can we be Christ's voice in our area?**

God said, "I have seen the humiliation of my people in Egypt and I hear their cry when they are cruelly treated by their task masters. I know their suffering. I have come down to free them..." (Exodus 3: 7-8)

Christ calls each one of us to **LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU**. Carry out research into what Jesus Christ actually did for the people who were sick, poor, marginalised and rejected. Create your own art work and poetry showing what Jesus did and how we can respond today.

**Task: Aim high, write to the Prime Minister and your MP telling them about your ideas and the need to really put our words into action for those in the greatest need. Have some really concrete examples of what you think can be done to help people in your area in greatest need.**

### Key Vocabulary

Equality

Fairness

Justice

Poverty

Prosperity

Compassion



Loving God,

We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.

We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.

We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and brains to use.

We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.

We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.

We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.

We asked for justice, and you called us to be just and lead with integrity.

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.

And yet, we receive everything that we needed.

For this we give thanks. Amen (by Colleen Hanycz)



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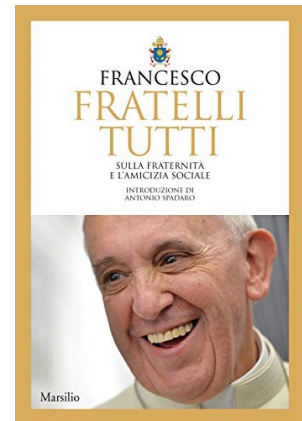
**BIG QUESTION:** How can we help those that need us the most?



In October 2022 Pope Francis wrote the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* which is the Italian for “All Brothers and Sisters”. In it Pope Francis tells us that we need to build a more just and fraternal world.

The title refers to the quote from St Francis of Assisi, “Brother Sun and Sister Moon”.

“How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together. Let us dream, then, as a human single family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.” (*Fratelli Tutti* #8)



### Music Task

Research both religious music and pop music to find as many examples as you can of music which speaks of equality and fairness.



**Art Task:** Can you create a logo for *Fratelli Tutti*—All Brothers and Sisters?

**Reading Task:** Find out what you can about *Fratelli Tutti* and the key messages

**Creative Writing Task:** Compose your own poem, song or rap to highlight the issues facing those in need in our community and what you would like to do about them.



### 5 Take aways from Fratelli Tutti

- 1 Strangers are neighbours
2. Difference should not be feared
3. You are not what you buy or post
4. Politics requires listening
5. Everything is connected

(Pope Francis October 2020)