



Scripture Theme 2024-2025

"You are the people of God, holy and beloved. Put on, then, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."

- *Colossians 3:12-15*

Overview

This year's scripture theme provides us with many points on which to reflect: our identity in Christ, love, forgiveness, growth in virtue, peace, gratitude, and self-control. All of these center on a unifying message about what it means to be a community.

While this letter to the Colossians was written by Paul nearly 2,000 years ago, his message is still relevant today for us at Benilde-St. Margaret's, reminding us of how to live in a Christ-centered community. Throughout the school year, it is beneficial to pause and reflect on how we can do what the Lord is calling us to accomplish: Do you desire a deeper love of God, neighbor, and self? Are you struggling with forgiving someone who has offended you? How can you express gratitude for the blessings received from God? How can you acquire the peace only found in Jesus?

Regardless of what aspect of this year's scripture theme you focus on, having an open heart and mind allows the living God to enter in, strengthening our relationship with God and with others in our BSM community.

Questions for Reflection

- During this school year, what can I do to help create a welcoming community for everyone?
- How can I model and show God's love to students, faculty, staff, and guests this year?
- What virtue is God calling me to grow in my life?
- Who in my life do I need to forgive? Who have I wronged and how can I seek reconciliation?
- How can I cultivate gratitude for those God has placed in my life?

