

# CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE, REFUGE OF SINNERS

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**Theme: In a world that seems determined to self-destruct, can the message of Jesus help us to have hope for the future?**

**Entrance: Harvest for the World**

All babies together, everyone a seed  
Half of us are satisfied, half of us in need  
And love's beautiful in us, tarnished by our greed  
Oh, when will there be a harvest for the world  
Harvest for the world

A nation planted so concerned with gain  
As the seasons come and go, greater grows the pain  
And far too many are feeling the strain  
Oh, when will there be a harvest for the world  
Harvest for the world

Gather every man, gather every woman  
Celebrate your lives, give thanks for your children  
Gather every one, gather all together  
Overlooking none, hoping life gets better

Dress me up for battle, when all I want is peace  
Those of us who pay the price, come home with the least  
And nation after nation are turning into beasts  
Oh, when will there be a harvest for the world

When will there be (Harvest for the world)  
I wanna know right now

**Psalm: Hope**

Long ago, and far away, they say a young man died  
And looking back two thousand years, you wonder why He tried  
But yet though time distorts the view and images grow vague  
Still shines His light though shooting stars go spinning to the grave

Ch: Hope is the light that fills your eyes  
Hope is the word which Christ devised  
Reflecting His world, green grass, blue skies  
Hope is the strength you need

And if you should go by His door when nothing else is right  
You'll find the light inside your heart will still be burning bright  
But if your courage fails you then, you still must venture forth  
And leave your footprints in the sand as tribute to your birth

*Chorus...* For life, for love your hope

**Offertory: Nothing More**

To be humble, to be kind  
It is the giving of the peace in your mind  
To a stranger, to a friend  
To give in such a way that has no end.

Ch: We are love. We are one.  
We are how we treat each other when the day is done.  
We are peace. We are war.  
We are how we treat each other and nothing more.

To be bold, to be brave.  
It is the thinking that the heart can still be saved  
And the darkness can come quick  
The danger's in the anger and the hanging on to it.

*Chorus*

Tell me what it is that you see  
A world that's filled with endless possibilities?  
Heroes don't look like they used to, they look like you do.

Love. One. Love. One.

*Chorus*

We are how we treat each other and nothing more  
We are how we treat each other



**Consecration Acclamation: We Must Reach Out**

We must reach out to one another  
In every land and every race  
So that in Christ our Lord  
We form a single chord  
And then, our Father, we can praise

**Communion: Heaven Help Us All**

Heaven help the child who never had a home  
Heaven help the girl who walks the streets alone  
Heaven help the roses if the bombs begin to fall  
Heaven help us all

Heaven help the black man if he struggles one more day  
Heaven help the white man if he turns his back away  
Heaven help the man who kicks the man who has to crawl  
Heaven help us all

Ch: Heaven help us all, heaven help us all  
Heaven help us, Lord hear our call when we fall  
Heaven help us all

Heaven help the boy who won't reach 21  
Heaven help the man who gave that boy a gun  
Heaven help the people with their backs against the wall  
Lord, heaven help us all

*Chorus*

Now I lay me down, before I go to sleep  
In a troubled world I pray the Lord to keep  
Hatred from the mighty and the mighty from the small  
Heaven help us all

*Chorus x2*



**Communion Reflection:**

With threat of war, starvation, terrorism, and uncontrollable climate change upon us, is there anything we, as individuals, can do to affect this?

Society in Ireland has changed dramatically over the last few years. We have adopted a “we hold what we have” attitude. We make outcasts of people who lose their jobs or their homes and have no visible means of support. We, in Ireland, have allowed the creation of a second-class society, which robs people of the dignity which is their right. The message of Jesus is very direct – love your neighbour as yourself, not our own version of neighbour, but that of Jesus Christ which places the weakest of our society at the top of his priorities.

Our challenge is simple. Let us do everything possible to restore dignity and acceptance to those who, through no fault of their own, have been excluded from society as we know it.

“ The last shall be first, and the first shall be last”.

**Recessional: Heal the World**

There’s a place in your heart and I know that it is love  
And this place could be much brighter than tomorrow  
And if you really try, you’ll find there’s no need to cry  
In this place you’ll feel there’s no hurt or sorrow  
There are ways to get there, If you care enough for the living  
Make a little space, Make a better place

Ch: Heal the world, make it a better place  
For you and for me and the entire human race  
There are people dying, If you care enough for the living  
Make a better place for you and for me

If you want to know why there’s a love that cannot lie  
Love is strong, it only cares for joyful giving  
If we try we shall see, in this bliss we cannot feel  
Fear or dread, we stop existing and start living  
Then it feels that always, Love’s enough for us growing  
So make a better world, make a better world  
*Chorus*

And the dream we were conceived in will reveal a joyful face  
And the world we once believed in will shine again in grace  
Then why do we keep strangling life  
Wound this earth, crucify its soul  
Though it’s plain to see this world is heavenly  
Be God’s glow

We could fly so high, let our spirits never die  
In my heart I feel you are all my brothers  
Create a world with no fear, Together we’ll cry happy tears  
See the nations turn their swords into ploughshares  
We could really get there, If you cared enough for the living  
Make a little space, To make a better place  
*Chorus x3*  
you and for me, you and for me, you and for me