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Enemy-Love Suggested Reading

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Organizations working on reconciliation:

- Telos Group
- unRival
- Braver Angels: <https://braverangels.org/>
- Common Ground Committee: <https://commongroundcommittee.org/>
- Bridge Alliance: <https://www.bridgealliance.us/>
- Council on Technology and Social Cohesion: <https://techandsocialcohesion.org/>
- Nonviolent Peace Force: <https://nonviolentpeaceforce.org/> – unarmed civilian protection.
- DC Peace Team

These books and articles deepen our understanding and energize our practice of loving our enemies.

unRival, “What Is Peace?” <https://unrival.network/defining-creative-peacebuilding/>

Daniel Stone, “[Your political rivals aren’t as bad as you think – here’s how misunderstandings amplify hostility](#),” *The Conversation*, April 6, 2023.

Jason Lepojärvi, “Love and the Winter: C.S. Lewis, Nigel Biggar, and Marc LiVecche on Enemy Love, Politics and Religion” (2022), 1–17 doi:10.1017/S1755048322000190

Andrew DeCort, “[Love Your Enemy](#),” originally published on andrew-decort.com on March 17, 2019. DeCort explores Jesus’s groundbreaking command to love our enemies in its cultural context and for today.

Andrew DeCort, “[A Prayer for Enemies](#),” May 16, 2021 on www.andrew-decort.org.

Andrew DeCort, "[Enemy-Love, Abuse, and Thomas Aquinas](#)," April 7, 2019 on www.andrew-decort.com.

James K.A. Smith, "[Healing the Imagination: Art Lessons from James Baldwin](#)," in *Image Journal*, Issue 107. Smith explores how we see others and how this "imagination" shapes our world. (3 pages)

Aziz Abu Sarah, "[Crossing Enemy Lines](#)" in *Strangers, Neighbors, Friends: Muslim-Christian-Jewish Reflections on Compassion and Peace* (Cascade Books, 2018), 7-11. Aziz explores how he shifted from hating his enemies after his brother was murdered to practicing compassion. (4 pages)

Hyung Jin Kim Sun. *Who Are Our Enemies and How Do We Love Them?* Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press, 2020. Sun presents a brief, concise argument for why followers of Jesus should love their enemies and practice peace across boundaries (70 pages).

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- Ruthruff, Ron, "[Loving and Forgiving Enemies](#)," *Street Psalms* "Word from Below," February 2022.
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Thurman, Howard. "Love [of Enemies]" in *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1949, 79-98.

Tutu, Desmond. *No Future Without Forgiveness*. New York, NY: Penguin, 2000.

Vaderhaar, Gerard. *Enemies and How to Love Them*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2013.