

St. Gregory the Great School

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St. Gregory the Great was a pope during a very difficult time in the Church. There were some bishops and priests not doing what they should, people were ignoring God, and the world was full of angry people. Does that sound familiar? We have some of the very same problems today. But St. Gregory knew the truth, that we are children of the light and we do not have to be afraid.

We heard it in the first reading: “You, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness.” This is so important to remember. Jesus is with us and we do not have to be afraid. Jesus can send the demons away with just a word. We do not need to be afraid!

My friends, be like St. Gregory. He knew who he was, he was a child of the light. Can you remember this? When you see the dark things around you, can you remember the light? You can be people who hope in the light no matter what. Pope Francis reminded us about this when he said: “I have hope because God walks with me, he walks alongside me and holds my hand.”

The readings today remind us of the best way to be children of the light. “Encourage one another and build one another up.” Here at school, build each other up! Making fun of each other and hurting each other is the darkness, but you are children of the light. Encourage your friends when they are hurting. Be light at home

when the darkness comes. When you hear of difficult things in the world, remember to hope and trust in God. You are never alone, and you do not have to be afraid.

My friends, we are here for you, because you are important to us. Never let the darkness in the world make you feel alone. Reach out to your family, to your friends, to your teachers, to your pastor when you are hurting or need help. We are here to build each other up, because we are children of the light.

We ask our Blessed Mother, Mary, and our patron, St. Gregory the Great, to pray for you all today. May we see the good things of the Lord and trust in the light.