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Forgiveness in the prayer and sacraments of the Church

Read the following passage as a class and discuss in pairs.

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Are any among you suffering?
They should pray. Are any cheerful?
They should sing songs of praise.
Are any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of the church
and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up;
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Discuss as a class the similarities between this description and the life of the Church today.

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Sacraments of Healing:

The Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

the call to forgiveness

Thomas, the doubter was forgiven by Jesus.

We seek reconciliation with God by examination of conscience and confession.

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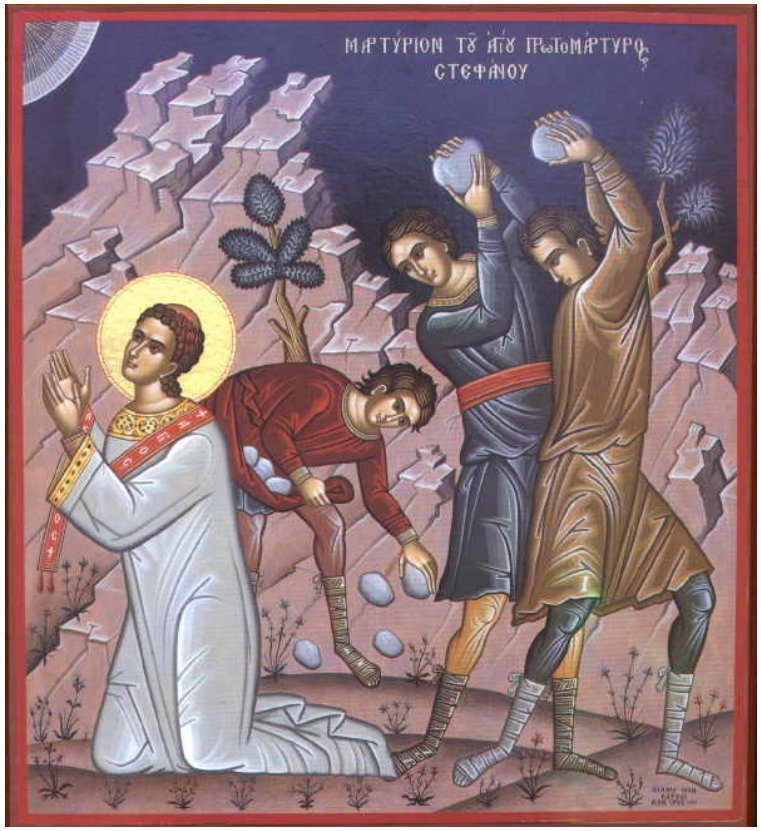
Forgiveness in the face of violence: the martyrdom of St Stephen Acts 6&7



Write a summary of
the martyrdom of St Stephen
or
devise a drama to
present to the class
with the emphasis of his
forgiveness to his attackers.

http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/1226.asp

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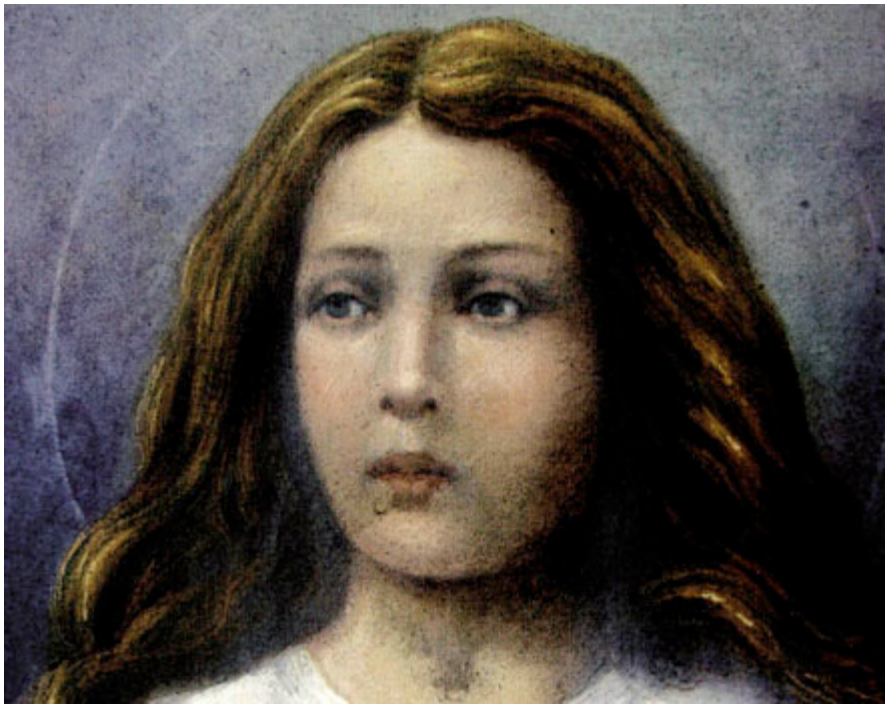

Listen to the story of St Maria Goretti. Discuss the forgiving attitude of both Maria and her mother.

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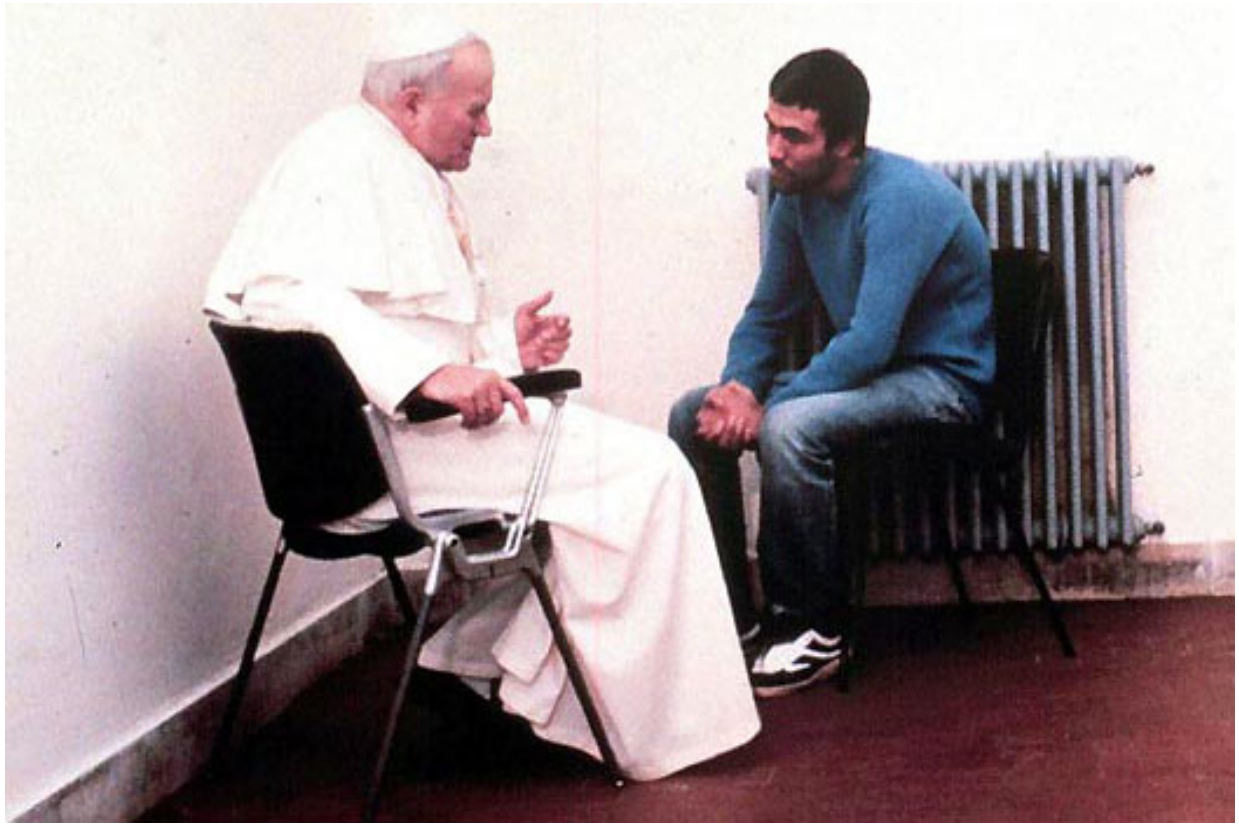
Forgiveness in the face of violence: Blessed Pope John Paul II forgives his attacker.



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repentence and reconciliation

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Discuss how you can show forgiveness in your class, school, family and parish.

Core learning: I can use these examples to challenge me to show forgiveness and to show that reconciliation with God and others is inspired by Jesus and I understand that this prepares us for life in heaven.

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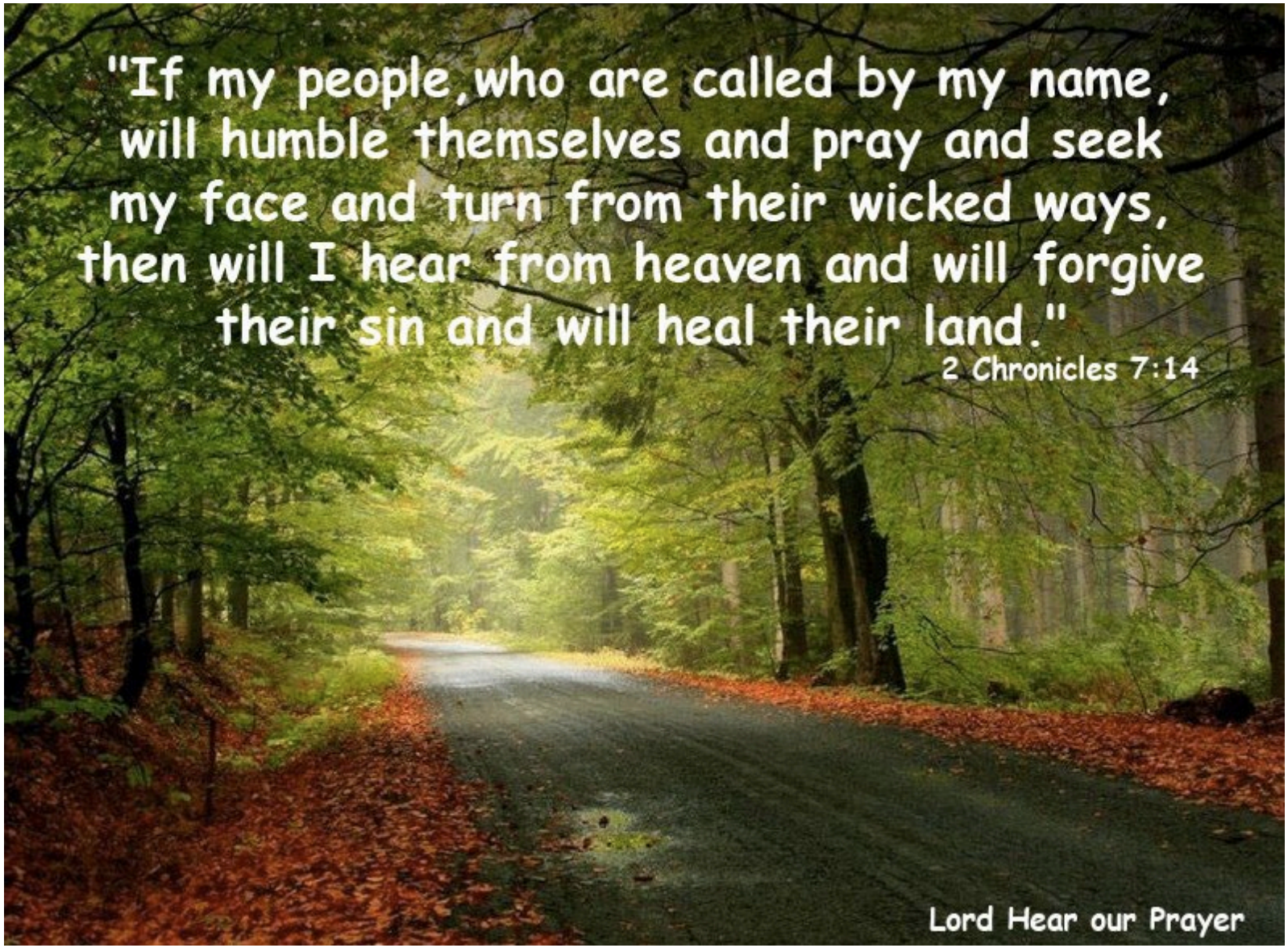
Add to your class prayers today, a prayer for peace and comfort for all peoples and for the victims of conflict in Syria, Egypt and Africa.

Core learning: I know that there are many situations of global conflict and am aware that I can offer intercessory prayers asking God to enable those involved to find peaceful solutions.

pray for peace in global conflicts



Prayers of Intercession

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Pray for God's grace to help you make right choices.

Core learning: I am familiar with the term "Original Sin", which means that all human beings come into this world in need of the grace of Christ to be saved.

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Read and discuss this passage.
Pray together for God's grace to help you make good decisions.

Core learning: know that sometimes we struggle to do good because something pulls us towards sin (Romans 7: 14-25) and that this is a result of Original Sin.

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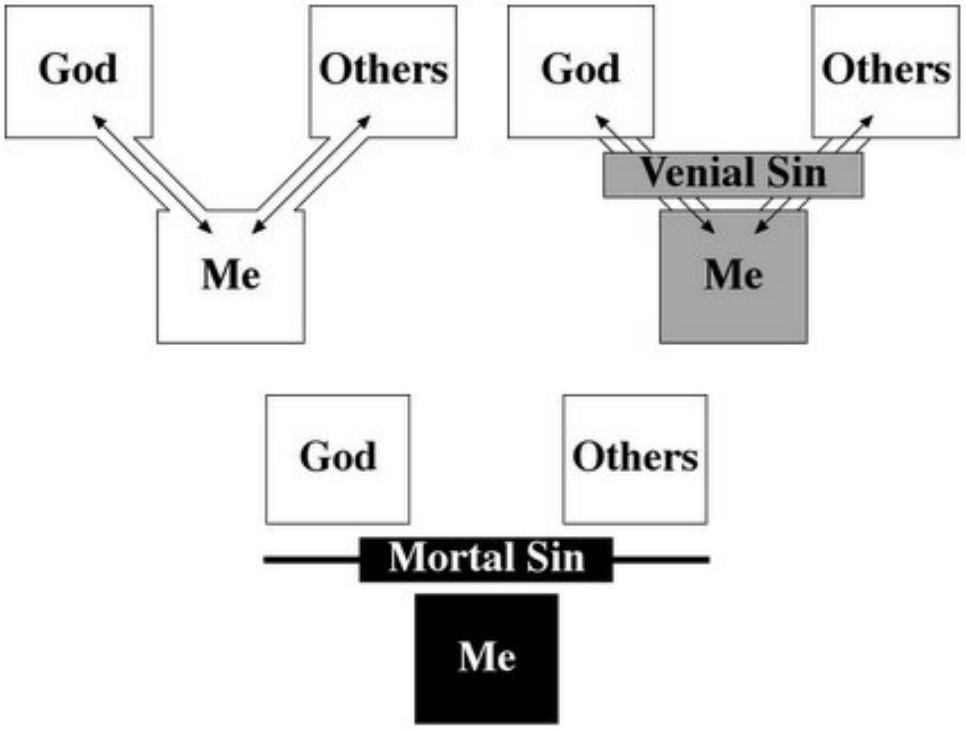
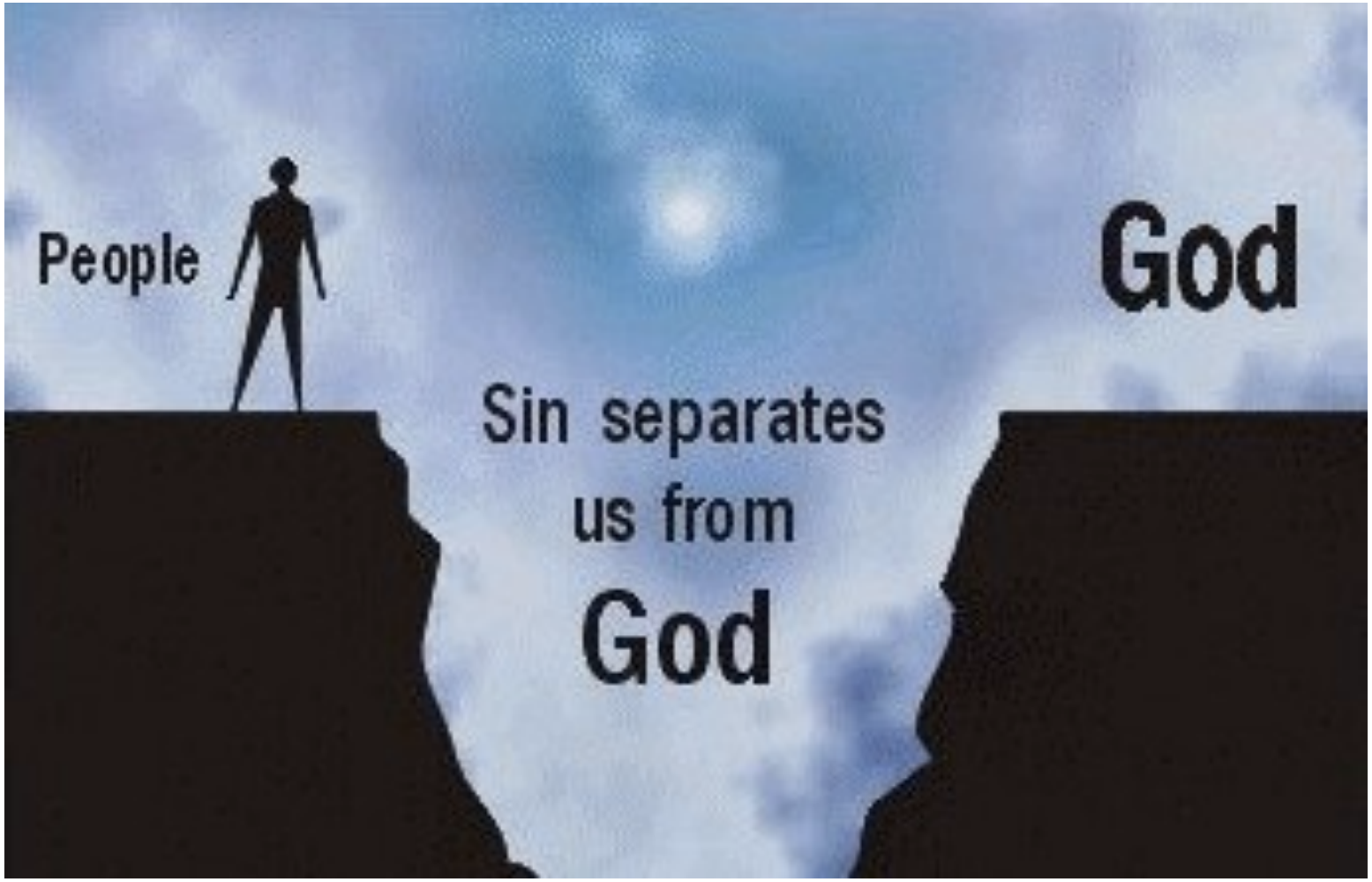


Core learning: I am familiar with the terms "mortal sin" and "venial sin", normally used to describe very serious and less serious sin.



mortal sin

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Core learning: know that the Church offers me the Sacrament of Reconciliation to restore my relationship with God and others and I have been offered opportunities in school to prepare myself for, and to celebrate, the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the year.

World Youth Day, Madrid 2011

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Pope Francis hears confessions at World Youth Day, Rio 2013

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Make time for confession especially in Advent and Lent
– the traditional seasons of Penance in the Church's Year.
Of course, you can go to confession at any time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

To make you smile….confession should be more of a dialogue than a shopping list.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession gives you a fresh start.