



# LIGHTHOUSE



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A world without adoration is practically difficult to think. Love is not less than a blessing by God to us. Love is essential to carry on with the best of life.

As per a famous proverb, "Love can change a demon into a human." Love is sufficient alone to open all the anxiety of feelings and make us take a look at the world from the other's point of view. Love is heavenly, and its capacity can bless us all.

With the assistance of affection and brotherhood, we can make a decent bonding and a great understanding among the individuals in our society. In this edition we have our budding writers sharing their thoughts on 'how love can change the world'.

**By the Editorial team**

## A BLESSING TO THE WORLD

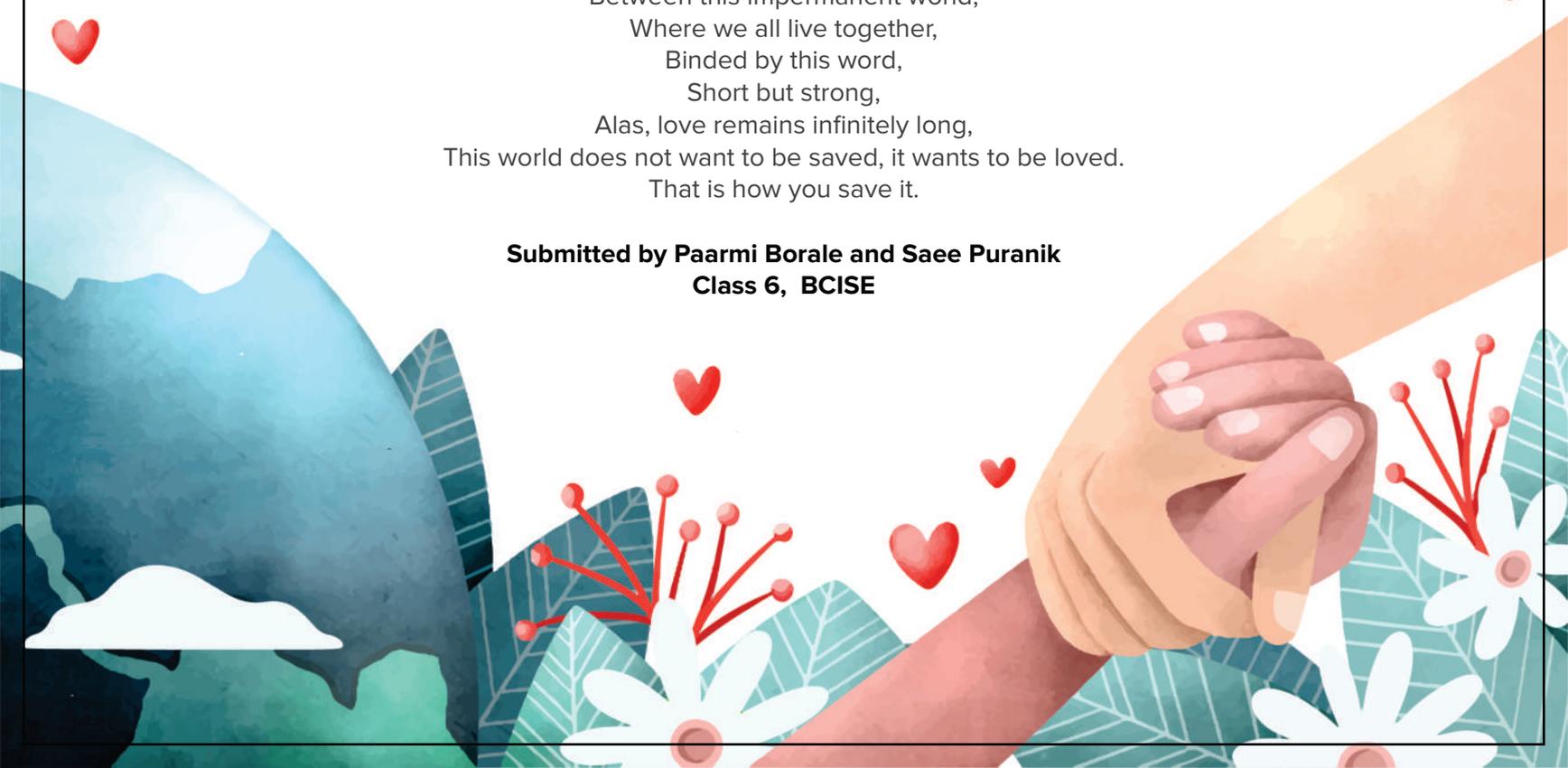
A light called love shining so bright,  
The world spread with peace is a true delight,  
War and fights are enough already,  
Peace is the way to make tomorrow's future steady.

Harmony and friendships are best to handle,  
Love is like an endless candle,  
In this world where there's a lot to lose,  
Love is the only option you should choose.

A light called love,  
Like a ray of sunshine,  
Among the darkest way,  
It's within our souls,  
Each and every day.

Between this impermanent world,  
Where we all live together,  
Binded by this word,  
Short but strong,  
Alas, love remains infinitely long,  
This world does not want to be saved, it wants to be loved.  
That is how you save it.

**Submitted by Paarmi Borale and Sae Puranik  
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## SELFLESS LOVE

Love can change the world. Not the romantic, head-over-heels kind of love, but selfless love. Selfless love is giving yourself, your time, and your resources for the benefit of others. It is caring about others' quality of life and helping those in need. Changing the world will not happen by introducing people to a formula or giving them ten steps to improve their lives, but by showing them our love. What makes us human is our capacity to love. Love is that quality that erases prejudice moves us to forgive, gives us peace of mind in a turbulent world, and keeps us sane.

When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace! Don't you think if there is love between all the people in the world, the hazardous, destructive wars will end? This kind of love starts with having compassion. When we live selfishly we have no concern for anyone else. All we care about is pleasing ourselves, and people around us often get hurt. Eventually, we start using people and stepping on their toes because it makes us feel better or it advances us in our career or our popularity. We see no problem with using others because it benefits us and we do not even think about how they might feel. We do not care about those who suffer those who starve to death, or

the people who are dying because they cannot go see a doctor. We do not think about others because we are too consumed with our own lives, because we have no love for anyone but ourselves. What are the results of being so self-centered? India is the largest democratic country in the world, yet people suffer from depression, pain, and false relationships. People are confused because they can have anything and everything they ever wanted. They work their whole lives to please themselves, but they cannot figure out why that does not satisfy them. People are still left empty and looking for something else. We rarely stop to consider what we could do to make our world a better place. If we tried, we might just be blessed beyond imagination, and those who suffer would be taken care of. We have to take our eyes off ourselves to see the needs of others and to allow ourselves to feel compassion for them. We must have love. When we love, we will want to reach out to others, build relationships, and make a difference in the world around us. Love can move mountains. It can shake the foundation on which people live.

Submitted by Yuvraj Singh  
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## POWER OF LOVE

*Love is Light, that enlightens those who give and receive it. Love is gravity, because it makes some people feel attracted to others.*

*Love is power, because it multiplies the best we have, and allows humanity not to be extinguished in their blind selfishness.*

*Love unfolds and reveals.  
For love we live and die.*



**- Albert Einstein**

(an extract from one of his letters sent to his daughter)

Indeed, love can change the world. Love is the beginning of anything and everything. It is what makes one and another hold on to each other and it is what gives one the will to move forward.

It comes in many different forms and manifests in many ways throughout your life and relationships, it helps people incorporate safer behaviors into their everyday lives, reduces anxiety, and lowers the chance of developing depression or another form of mental illness.

Although, not everybody has it in their hearts to accept and understand the concept of love, much less, act upon it.

But love is patient and love will conquer. There is no greater form of force. The love a mother has for her children, a brother has for his sister, a husband has for his wife, love compels people to do great things and it is those great things that changes the world. Even the selfish man would change the world for no other than his love for his own self.

Submitted by Mehwishara Bhati  
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## LOVE IS THE SOLUTION

I was just reading this weekend about the likelihood that there will soon be a mass extinction of many animal species. Scientists are stating that this global devastation is being driven by humans: climate change- a problem which we human beings have been denying. We're losing our pollinators: the honeybees and songbirds. I can't sit by helplessly and do nothing. So I propose a solution. The solution of love. We should love our friends and family members of course, but we also need to see that every living creature is a family member and friend to us.

We can no longer afford to lose these creatures. Love is incompatible with greed, consumerism and materialism. Love is synonymous with empathy, altruism and kindness. When we open our hearts to love others, including the other species on the planet, we feel greater compassion toward every creature who walks on this earth. Self-love is part of this: when we can love, forgive and accept ourselves more fully we're less frightened, hostile and defensive. But, we live in a world that doesn't support love, and I think that this is why our planet is in so much trouble. When we open our hearts to love we indeed risk feeling more pain. Still, it's worth the pain when the love we feel is feeding our deepest needs for meaning, purpose and connection. We could continue to walk around in our lives, wilfully blind to the ongoing devastation occurring in the world right now; we could continue to emotionally numb ourselves. With love, we can save our planet and save ourselves; we can ensure the survival of our physical beings but also that of our hearts and souls.

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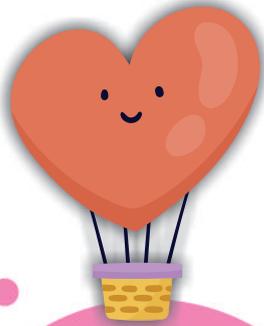


## CURE FOR CRUELTY

Since a very young age we have talked about love but do you know what it exactly means ? Love has the potency to change the world: not the romantic, head – over – heels kind of love but the one which has the quality to erase the schism and keep us allied.

Yet in today's era we are divided by a term 'religion' which has been a cause of snags like Holy war, Sectarian conflict, Religious and political antagonism and more. Love is not just a word but an emotion which connects every individual, eluding all the prejudice and at times being altruistic. Love has the intensity to unite people and poise them to voice out against religious conflicts by giving a sense of acceptance to acknowledge our religious differences and having open conversations about it, furthermore always respecting each others' religions.

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## LOVE - THE GREATEST SOLUTION

Nowadays we live in a world surrounded by violence, racism, injustice, and hate. For years, we have been searching a solution to these problems. You may wonder how can loving globally change the world? Feeling love and compassion for others, although noble, serves no one if it is not expressed through action.

As we move through our day, we need to make an effort to see beyond ourselves, and our own selfish needs and desires. We need to be nice to people and show kindness to others, even if they are being a bit difficult.

All of us should take the time to give serious thought to what the world would be like if the majority focused on helping others, rather than pursuing their own fame, fortune, and love life. After thinking about this, you may conclude that love can indeed save the world. Let's get to work!

**Submitted by Rudra Parmar**  
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## LOVE IS THE REVOLUTION

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know its peace." As rightly said by Jimi Hendrix. Love has the power to destroy and preserve the world and its mankind.

In a world of hate, love is the revolution. If you see the world with the vision of love, you will find everything so beautiful and meaningful which makes each one of us come together however live a life with harmony. For example the warmth and love a mother holds for her child saves them from nightmares, teaches them the worth of living however that same child will bloom into a better human being. Love not only makes one feel wanted but it also teaches one many core values like kindness, equality and the importance of trust between each other.

With love the world will become a better place to live in. Truth and love are two of the most powerful things in the world; and when they both come together they cannot be easily withstood. Therefore, only true love can save this world.

**Submitted by Sreepriya Menon**  
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## THE GREATEST POWER- LOVE

Love is one of the greatest superpowers in the world. Human beings have sought inspiration and made love their muse for artwork throughout centuries and they continue to do so. Yet, some people question the power of love, is it merely a shallow emotion? Or does it indeed- just like the philosophers say- have the power to change the world?

The strength of an act of kindness is infinite, although you may not realize it in the moment, but it may have affected someone in a positive way. A selfless act performed to help or guide someone else without demanding any compensation can truly change the world. It truly is love and kindness that strengthens any kind of relationship- whether that may be a friendship or family.

In conclusion, I believe that love does have the power to change the world, however a person alone won't be able to make a change. We need to collectively work together to truly make a difference and heal the world.

**Submitted by Samaira D'souza**  
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## SOLVING PROBLEMS WITH LOVE

Can love save the world? This question may have already put thoughts in your head. But the answer is complicated. To begin, I would argue that love is actually beneficial to the world when considering resource waste. Love in the world means no more war, no more crime, and bye-bye to justice as there is none needed! And at this point, half of the world's problems are solved. But what about the other half? What about global warming, habitat destruction, and overpopulation? To be fully honest, love may slightly help with the first two problems as it means better teamwork. However, overpopulation may be the world's double-edged sword of love. To summarize, love has the ability to solve the majority of the world's problems, and the answer to the question "can love save the world?" is yes.

**Submitted by Pranav Rajkumar**  
**Class 8, BCISE**



## OUR HOME, OUR RESPONSIBILITY!

When one shows affection and care for someone or something or when one gives them all their needs, helps them, we call it love. So, can love save this earth?

When you say you love the earth, your earth, that means you'll do outstanding work in trying to save it.

As of today, the entire earth is going through a phase of toxic pollution. This can be stopped if we stop polluting it more. This can be done when we start caring more.

When we truly and in unity love the earth, we can save it from deforestation, pollution, global warming, and so much more. Yes. Love can save Mother Nature. You can save Mother Nature. We can save Mother Nature.

**Submitted by Tanisha Sukhwai**  
**Class 8, DSRB**



## A WORLD OF LOVE

Love or deep affection as I would say, is a munificent feeling which indeed brings the best out of a species. What is love? It could be food for one, materialistic things for another, or most commonly another human, either the same gender or another sex altogether, however love is a feeling of indestructible bond or endearment, where love for another individual keeps flourishing. Moreover, it influences the globe and the surrounding in various ways. Being in love develops a person and their characteristics, which puts together a person's emotions, as well as makes one more thoughtful, concerned, and understanding, as it evolves a sense of care and adjusting nature, which helps in the

betterment of the ecosystem. people start taking care of their surroundings and be kind towards one another, learn to compromise in a positive way and build a better themselves indeed resulting in a better world with polite and united citizens with liberal gestures, which makes me believe love is a strong emotion which can furthermore save the world from toxicity and negativity. As it is rightly said "when power of love overcomes love of power, the world will know peace and harmony", so loving hard and being loveable is great advice!

**Submitted by Samara Syed**  
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## ACTIVITY 1 : COMIC STRIP



## LOVE - OUR GUIDING LIGHT

Love can play a significant role in bringing about positive change in the world. It has the power to unite people of different backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs, and inspire acts of kindness and compassion. Love can help to promote understanding and acceptance of others, and can lead to the creation of more inclusive and harmonious communities. Love can also be a powerful motivator for individuals to take action towards creating a better world, whether it's simply treating others with respect and empathy. While love alone may not be able to solve all of the

world's problems, it can certainly be a powerful force for good.

So let us open up our hearts,  
And make a brand new start,  
With love as our guiding light,  
We can make the world a brighter sight.

Submitted by Princia Mastakar  
Class 6, VBSIS



### ACTIVITY 2 : UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

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### ACTIVITY 3 : FACT FILE

## HOW TO *love* THE EARTH

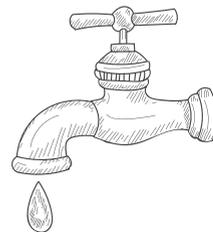
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## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



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## SCHOOL CORNER

Love in its purest form is selflessness.

The bond between a mother and her baby is the most beautiful example of this kind of love.

Kindness and compassion go a long way in melting the heart of a hardcore criminal, a stubborn teenager or a street kid.

Let me explain through an example -

When Lincoln was running to be President, Stanton did his utmost to ridicule Lincoln. Yet, when Lincoln was elected—despite criticism from his cabinet—he appointed Stanton as Secretary of War. In doing so, Lincoln not only served his people by selecting the best person for the job, but he transformed the hatred Stanton held in his heart towards Lincoln—so much so that when Lincoln was assassinated, it was Stanton who gave one of the most touching speeches. Love is a powerful tool, more powerful than hate, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr said in his speech:

Loving your enemy does not mean condoning them.

It does not mean giving horrific behavior a pass. What it does mean is finding the capacity to love — to wear down hate with love.

And so goes the saying...Love can truly save the world.

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