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DEAR Friends,
Continuing the theme of Peace, how about these quotes by two famous people though with many years between them: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace" (Jimi Hendrix) and "We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace." (William Gladstone).

It seems to me that both gentlemen from very different eras touch on something really significant, not least in this time of uncertainty and fear relating to animosity and war-mongering between the world's most powerful nations. What a start to the New Year this is, with talk of cyber wars which for a good many of us is a subject we just cannot begin to understand.

Both Jimi Hendrix and William Gladstone come to the same conclusion: that without good – love – overcoming bad – power – and indeed without love replac-

ing power, nothing will change.

Perhaps the time has come for each one of us to shout out loud, "enough is enough" and to start positively working towards something better, something lasting.

For churchgoers, this quest is pursued as fellow believers meet week by week, often day by day, to support and strengthen one another in Bible study and in prayer. For those not associated with church, the quest can still be real and significant, though sometimes it may feel lonely without the backing and support that the church family can offer.

May God bless you all as we watch a world in turmoil and perhaps especially the power struggles between the world's mightiest nations, but may we never fail in standing united at every opportunity and pray for world peace and respect and understanding between all people everywhere.

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Thought for
the weak



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