

1 One of the 'Peanuts' cartoons has Lucy promising not to laugh at what Charlie Brown wants to tell her.
"You have my solemn promise not to laugh," she states.

2 So he says to her:
"Sometimes I lie awake at night listening for a voice that will say: 'We like you, Charlie Brown.'"
 As expected, Lucy laughs at him, but people can sympathise with Charlie Brown because he needs encouragement.

3 In the Gospel we can read of a young man who approaches Jesus and says,
"Master, I have tried to do all that I think God wants me to do."
 The Gospel then states that
'Jesus looked steadily at him, and loved him.'

4 Many people find those to be very touching words that reflect what the Good News is: that God looks steadily at **me** and loves **me**.

5 *Let us pray:*

Lord Jesus
you treasure
and hold a special place
for each and every person,
as though
only that one individual exists,
and you accept us as we are,
in the reality of our lives this day.

May I grow in the faith
that you look steadily at me
and love me.

Amen.

6 Jesus looked steadily at him,
 and loved him.

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