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Project Hope Essay

Pope Francis recently tweeted, "Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." This statement is very true in our lives today. The world will be a much better place if we all followed this. People would care and help each other more and the needs of the poor will be better looked after. Every human will have the Church as somewhere to rest, feel comforted, included and united as a society. However, if the whole world was a place of mercy and hope were everyone would be welcomed, loved forgiven, then, many more people would be helped and felt included and society would be stronger and more connected as unit. Many people don't have a connection to the Church because of different believes, so it would be better to have the whole world in Pope Francis's vision instead just the Church.

In our lives, we often want push the "restart" button in our lives. Sometimes we want this because we messed up or we did not like the consequences to our actions. Often times, we dig ourselves into a hole of regret and grudges. We can't let ourselves fall into this trap, and we need to show mercy and be the bigger person in the situation. Once, there was this kid we know named Joe who went to our school. He was a really good student and a really nice person and we wanted to get to know him better. Eventually, we invited him to go skiing with us one day. It was going to a really fun day and hopefully were going to get to know the kid better. Unfortunately, our dream could not turn into reality. Not so long into the day we

started having little disagreements on the smallest things. Eventually this turned into a full blown argument. Things got so bad that we all went home. That we all sat alone in our homes thinking about the events of the day. We all blamed each other for what had gone wrong. We came to school on Monday with massive grudges. We stopped talking to Joe for a few days, and when we did start talking to him, it was not nice conversation. Soon, the feeling of guilt began to weigh down on us. We felt bad for what we had done, and wanted to be friends with Joe again. It was too bad because Joe moved away the next year and we never regained our friendship. We can learn from this for future situations. If something like this ever happens again, we now know to forgive and not hold grudges. It is unfortunate that we had to learn the hard way on forgiving, but at least we learned.