

# Artist of the Month

## February

Sister Corita Kent was an American artist born in 1918 in Iowa, USA. She became a nun at the age of 18 and joined the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a community known for encouraging creativity. Like Andy Warhol, she became famous for her bright, bold Pop Art prints, but she used art to share messages of faith, hope, love, tolerance, and respect. Her favourite technique was screen printing, also called serigraphy. She chose it because it allowed her to make many copies of the same artwork so that more people could enjoy it—she believed art should be accessible to everyone. Sister Corita often used everyday objects, packaging, advertising labels, and lyrics from songs in her art, combining them with Bible verses or handwritten messages. She believed that God could be found in ordinary, everyday things.

During the 1960s and 70s, the world was changing quickly, and Sister Corita used her colourful artwork to spread messages about peace, justice, kindness, and love for others. She wanted people to think about how we treat one another, especially those facing unfairness, poverty, or discrimination. Her hopeful messages connected with many people, and her art became famous across the USA.

Sister Corita eventually moved to Boston, where she continued to create joyful, thought provoking prints that encouraged people to look for goodness in the world and to care for each other.

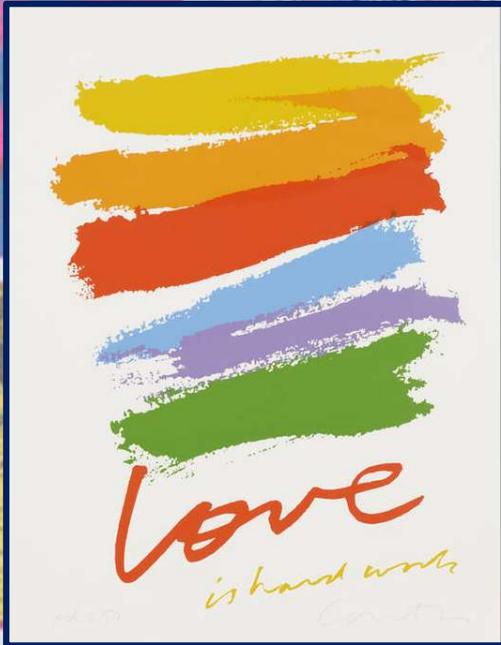
### Questions to Think About

How does Sister Corita show **hope, faith, love, tolerance, or respect** in her artwork?

Why do you think she used bright colours and everyday objects in her prints?

How can art help us share positive messages with others?

If you made a piece of art to spread hope, what words or images would you choose?



'Love is hard work' (1985)



'a small brown bird' (1970)

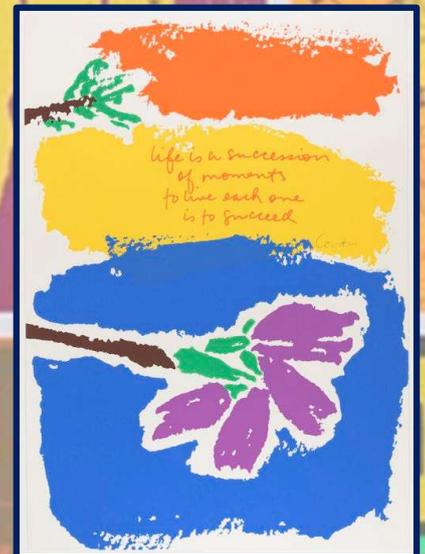


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'Hope' (1965)

Scan the QR code to find out more about Corita Kent via this short YouTube video. Ask an adult to access this for you and supervise you whilst you watch it.



'Life is a succession' (1977)