

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:27-31 (NIV)

My Enemies

I hear you. I'm listen carefully to you. My eyes and ears and heart and mind and life are focused on you. You have my full attention. I am following your example. **How so? How are you following my example? What example of mine do you now have in your heart and mind? What example of mine do you want to put into practice in your life?** I know that you love me. That is very obvious. You came into this world for me. You gave your life as a payment for my sin. You died on the cross so that I could be forgiven and cleansed of all my unrighteousness. How did I respond to your love? I was disinterested. How did I receive the gift that you made available to me? I ignored it. I rejected it. I was sure that I didn't need or want it. I walked on a path that led away from you. I lived a life of sin and darkness. I did what I wanted when I wanted it. I lived solely for my comfort and pleasure. I did whatever I felt like doing. I firmly rejected the new life that you wanted to give to me. Beyond that, I lived as your enemy. Need I say more about myself? **No, you need say no more about yourself.** But, you would not let me go. Your love pursued me. Your love surrounded me. You showed me your kindness, mercy and love. No doubt, you prayed for me as I lived as your enemy. I did not deserve your kindness and mercy and love. I did nothing to merit your forgiveness and cleansing. Yet, you kept on loving me. You kept on doing good things for me. Your love drew me back to you. Your love made me able to accept the new life that you wanted to give to me. Your love made me able to receive your forgiveness and cleansing. Your love adopted me into your family. You are my God and father. I am your child. **Yes, you are.**

This is the example that you have set before me. You loved me as I lived as one of your enemies. **Yes, I did.** You want me to become like you. **Yes, I do.** You want me to love my enemies. You want me to do good things and pray for those who have hurt and mistreated me. **Yes, I do.** You want me to shine brightly as a bold witness for you in the world. **Yes, I do.** You want others to see your love and life being lived out in and through me. **Yes, I do. Will you love others just as I have loved you? Will you pray for your enemies?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good. Then you will be my bright and bold witness in the world.**

Lord, you showed your love to me when I was one of your enemies. You have given me an example to follow. I will love my enemies. I will do good things for those who have hurt and mistreated me. Help me to shine brightly as a bold witness for you in the world. Amen

Prayer *For Those Who Mistreat You*

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NIV Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *For Those Who Hurt You*

"But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

NLT Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *For Those Who Abuse You*

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

NRSV Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *Those Who Abuse You*

But I say to you who are listening now to Me: [in order to heed, make it a practice to] love your enemies, treat well (do good to, act nobly toward) those who detest you and pursue you with hatred, Invoke blessings upon and pray for the happiness of those who curse you, implore God's blessing (favor) upon those who abuse you [who revile, reproach, disparage, and high-handedly misuse you]. To the one who strikes you on the jaw or cheek, offer the other jaw or cheek also; and from him who takes away your outer garment, do not withhold your undergarment as well. Give away to everyone who begs of you [who is in want of necessities], and of him who takes away from you your goods, do not demand or require them back again. And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them.

AMP Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *For Those Who Mistreat You*

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. "Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. "Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

NASB Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *For Those Who Abuse You*

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

ESV Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *For Those Who Spitefully Use You*

"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

NKJV Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *For That Person*

"To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously. "Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!

MSG Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *Those Who Hurt You*

"Listen, all of you. Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Pray for the happiness of those who curse you; implore God's blessing on those who hurt you. "If someone slaps you on one cheek, let him slap the other too! If someone demands your coat, give him your shirt besides. Give what you have to anyone who asks you for it; and when things are taken away from you, don't worry about getting them back. Treat others as you want them to treat you.

TLB Luke 6:27-31

Prayer *For Those Who Are Cruel To You*

"But I say to you who are listening, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who are cruel to you. If anyone slaps you on one cheek, offer him the other cheek, too. If someone takes your coat, do not stop him from taking your shirt. Give to everyone who asks you, and when someone takes something that is yours, don't ask for it back. Do to others what you would want them to do to you.

NCV Luke 6:27-31

For Those Who Mistreat You

Day _____ Date _____

Prayer – Luke 6:27-31

In Context: *Read Luke 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, you showed your love to me when I was one of your enemies. You have given me an example to follow. I will love my enemies. I will do good things for those who have hurt and mistreated me. Help me to shine brightly as a bold witness for you in the world. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What specific prayers have you been praying for your enemies who have hurt and mistreated you?

How has your love for an enemy grown as you have continued to do love, do good things and pray for them?

When have you been a bright and bold witness for Jesus Christ because you loved and prayed for your enemies?

What tangible good things have you done for an enemy who has hurt and mistreated you?

How has one of your enemies responded to the good things that you have done for them?

When has one of your enemies been turned into a friend because you loved, did good things and prayed for them?

How has Jesus Christ given you an example of loving, doing good things and praying for your enemies?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Love, do good things and pray for your enemies who have hurt and mistreated you.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will help you to love, do good things, and pray for your enemies.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are loving, doing good things and praying for your enemies.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you love your enemies by diligently praying for those who mistreat you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will love my enemies by diligently praying for those who mistreat me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I love and pray for my enemies today?
