

8. A Prayer for Enemies

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all the people you have put in my life, even those who I consider an enemy. I appreciate that you are always with me, no matter how I feel or what I am going through (**Psalms 139:7-12**), you are always my counselor and father. I love you so very much.

As you taught us (**Matthew 5:43-44, Luke 6:27-28**), I am lifting my enemies up to you. Please pour blessings over them. Bring peace and joy into their hearts. I pray for their salvation and that they would come to know you in a deep personal way.

Guide them and protect them. If they need healing, heal their body, mind, and soul. I also pray for their families and loved ones. If there is any strife in their families, please bring peace and unity.

Help me to forgive my enemies and hold no resentment towards them. I know if I don't forgive my enemies, you won't forgive me (**Matthew 6:14-15**). So please give me wisdom and strength to forgive them. Let me see them as you see them, for you love everyone including my enemies.

I pray we can reconcile any conflicts. Guide me of how to make peace with them. Give us wisdom of how each other feels and what we struggle with.

I admit I tend to want to get even and fight for what's right. It is hard for me to turn the other cheek (**Matthew 5:38-40**) and I need your help and strength to do that.

Also, if it be your will that I set some boundaries, guide me in doing that. Please direct my path when dealing with my enemies and correct me when I go the wrong way.

May your will be done in all circumstances.

I pray in that powerful name of Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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Psalms 139:7-12 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Matthew 5:43-44 (Jesus said) "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Luke 6:27-28 (Jesus said) "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Matthew 6:14-15 (Jesus said) "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Matthew 5:38-40 (Jesus said) "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for an eye, and tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well."