



PRAYING FOR MY ENEMIES

LORD, I lift up in prayer those who hate me or would seek to do me harm. I humbly ask that You would...

Enlighten their eyes to the Truth

There is no hope my enemies will ever come to the knowledge of the Truth unless You first open their eyes. By nature, men love darkness. Draw them to the light. Help me to shine brightly for Christ and reflect His character accurately to all who know me, including those who hate me. (Psalm 119:18; John 3:19-20; Matthew 5:14-16)

Negate the effects of their bad influence

Protect those who would suffer harm at the hands of my enemies. Better that a millstone be tied around their neck and them sink to the bottom of the sea than to cause a little one to stumble. Take whatever they plan for evil & use it for good in the lives of those they oppress or attack. (Psalm 59:1; Matthew 18:6; Genesis 50:20)

Ensnare them in their own wicked schemes

Let my enemies fall into the pit they've dug for others. Let the stone they positioned to crush the innocent roll back on themselves. Thwart whatever evil plans they've devised for the blameless. Frustrate their efforts, and cause their schemes to utterly fail. (Proverbs 26:27; Proverbs 28:10; Ecclesiastes 10:8; Job 5:12; Isaiah 8:10)

Meet them in the depths of despair

Once You've trapped my enemies in their own snares, do not leave them to wallow in despair. Have mercy on them, O LORD. You resist the proud, but give grace to the humble. Once You've effected such a heart change in my foes, draw near to them. Reveal Yourself to them in the pit. (Psalm 43:5; Romans 11:30-31; James 4:6)

Indate them with Your love

Thank you, Jesus, for laying down Your life for me, even while I was still dead in my sins. I know I did nothing to earn or deserve the love You lavished upon me. I ask You to pour out that same love on my enemies. Use it to completely transform their lives. (Romans 5:6-8; Ephesians 2:1-5, 8-9; Romans 9:15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Embolden Christians to extend grace

Let us serve as the hands and feet of Christ, to meet to the needs of those around us, including our enemies. Help us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hurt us, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who mistreat us, just as You commanded us to do. (James 2:15-17; Proverbs 25:21-22; Luke 6:27-31)

Set them free from enslavement to sin

Apart from Your unfailing mercy, every one of us would remain entrenched in sin. LORD, free my enemies from Satan's grip. Through Your lovingkindness, draw them to repentance. Call them. Save them. And use them for Your glory! (Colossians 2:13; Romans 6:17-18; Acts 26:18; Romans 2:4; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Psalm 85:9)