

## A 10 Day Prayer for Love: 1 Corinthians 13

Remember Valentine's Day?

As kids, Valentine's Day was a time of nervousness and excitement as we exchanged and received cards and gifts in secret. As adults, Valentine's Day can be a helpful reminder to be more intentional in how we love one another. *One of the most famous passages on love is found in 1 Corinthians 13. Read it closely then let it guide your responsive prayer back to God.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (ESV)

Who Is God Calling You to Love Better? Is it your spouse, child, parent, relative, neighbor, coworker, or friend. Pick one person now and use their name to fill in the blanks below as you pray to Jesus. Will you pray for them for 10 days like Jeremiah prayed in seeking God's voice (Jeremiahs 42:7)?

- Lord, help me to love \_\_\_\_\_ patiently.
- Lord, help me to show love to \_\_\_\_\_ with my kind words and actions.
- Lord, help me to demonstrate love towards \_\_\_\_\_ by being more content in my situation in life.
- Lord, help me to speak lovingly to \_\_\_\_\_ with my praise and encouragement.
- Lord, help me to demonstrate more humility towards \_\_\_\_\_ by thinking more of them as more important than myself.
- Lord, help me to be more gentle towards \_\_\_\_\_ in my actions and responses.
- Lord, help me to make selfless choices that prioritize \_\_\_\_\_'s needs above my own.
- Lord, help me to be less demanding and more easy-going towards \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lord, help me to let go of my past hurts and be more forgiving towards \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lord, help me to be righteous in my actions towards \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lord, help me to read, hear, know, and speak your truth into \_\_\_\_\_'s life.
- Lord, help me to show mercy towards \_\_\_\_\_ and to protect them from their enemies in this world.
- Lord, help me to give grace to \_\_\_\_\_ and to be a faithful presence in their life.
- Lord, help me to be positive and optimistic in my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lord, help me to love \_\_\_\_\_ well until the day I die.
- Now let's not just pray about love. Let's practice it. Will you love \_\_\_\_\_ better in the year ahead?

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