

When We Pray - Things Will Change  
August 15 th 2022

Love Your Enemies

As hard as it is, Lord, we pray for our enemies who do harm to us and others. We pray that God's presence would overshadow them and cause them to turn from the devil's schemes and follow after Jesus. We pray that the Lord will guard our hearts from a spirit of hatred towards individuals who have hurt us so that we can focus our prayers on your will for our lives. We ask God to separate the sin from the sinner so our prayers will be effective, and our hearts will remain pure. May we respond with kindness, gentleness and mercy. We pray that God will open all of our hearts so we will all be enlightened about truth. May we remember that we also have sinned and have been forgiven by God through his Son Jesus Christ As we pray for our enemies may we all become more like Christ and we keep ourselves in harmony with God's will. Matthew 5:43-44 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.

Narrow Gate

We all come into this world as sinners, and we all start on the wide path. We see so many of our friends and family on this broad road which is popular, spacious and easy to follow. We pray that we will make the right choice to find and enter the narrow gate, for we know it's not easy to find and only a few find it and even less accept it. We pray that we will lead a life of discipline, dedication, and discipleship, which leads to an abundant life here on earth, and live each day for Christ. We pray that we will not live in lust, anger, pride and other vices anymore. We must put on love, joy, peace and longsuffering. We pray that we will come before God knowing we need God in our lives, and accept that we are sinners under God's wrath and we need his forgiveness. Though the narrow pathway is difficult, this path leads to eternal life in the heavenly kingdom. May God's word be our guide, for God's word is the gate, and we all need to hear and respond to the gospel to be saved.

*Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it.*

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