

The Good Neighbor Prayer

FROM 1 PETER 4:7-11

Dear Father in heaven, please help me to love _____ as myself.

Remind me to *pray mindfully* for my neighbor, continually bringing their needs before You. To pray for _____ properly, I must truly know them and understand their needs. Please grant me opportunities to talk with _____ this week, to listen to their joys and pains. As I commit to pray with focus and diligence for my neighbor, please magnify our praises and ease our burdens on my street.

Lord, teach me to *love soulfully*. Through Your Holy Spirit please fill my heart with Christ-like love that is sincere and true, not motivated by any impure agenda. Your word declares that love covers a multitude of sins, which means there will be hurts to forgive as I live alongside _____. Make it my heart's desire to love _____ as You have loved me.

Dear God, prompt me to *share cheerfully* all You have given me. My home is Yours, even when it is messy and I am busy. I welcome _____, carefully chosen and strategically placed by You, for Your Name's sake, near me. Chasten me for my grumbling and complaining. Strengthen me to show hospitality even when I am weary and inconvenienced—just like Jesus did.

Equip me, Lord, to *serve faithfully*, using Your gifts to build _____ up and draw them to Your throne. Reveal to me the unique purposes of your varied gifts. Why did you give me passions, hobbies, skills, and interests? Show me how I may bring Your gifts home from church to the sanctuary in my own living room.

All this, Father, is for Your glory as I *worship joyfully* all the way home. May a mighty Hallelujah chorus arise from my home, our block, our street—yes, our entire community. Your Word tells me that the end of the world is coming soon. That may mean the triumphant return of our Savior Jesus, or it may mean the end _____'s hopes and dreams as they face the end of their world as they know it. Until that day comes, I am Your ambassador on the avenues, Your saint on this street.

I surrender to Your will and command that I tenderly, consistently, and urgently love my neighbor, _____.

In Jesus' precious name, amen.

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