

# pray

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**TEXTS: MT 5:43-48 (NIV)**

**43 “You have heard that it was said,  
‘Love your neighbor[h] and hate your  
enemy.’ 44 But I tell you: Love your  
enemies and pray for those who  
persecute you, 45 that you may be sons  
of your Father in heaven. He causes his  
sun to rise on the evil and the good,  
and sends rain on the righteous and the  
unrighteous.**

**46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

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**1 Peter 2:20-23—20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.**

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