

PRAYER FOR WHEN YOU ARE PERSECUTED

Heavenly Father, I come before You in Jesus' name asking for Your grace, mercy and healing from the wounds I have sustained at the hands of my persecutors. I will not avenge myself but will leave it to You. You said that vengeance is Yours, and You will repay (*Romans 12:19*).

Instead, I choose to respond the way you responded to your enemies, Lord. I choose to overcome evil with good (*Romans 12:21*) by loving and doing good to those who hate me, blessing those who curse me, and praying for those who spitefully use me (*Matthew 5:44* and *Luke 6:27*). In this way, I will heap burning coals of fire on their heads and receive a reward from the Lord (*Proverbs 25:22*).

I forgive my persecutors for their painful words and actions, and I ask You, Lord, to forgive my enemies (*Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60*). I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of their understanding being enlightened; that they may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power (*Ephesians 1:17-19*).

Lord, You said love is kind (*1 Corinthians 13:4*), but whoever slanders is a fool (*Proverbs 10:18*). I pray that my persecutors be rooted and grounded in love so they can comprehend with all the saints the width, length, depth and height of Your love. May they know the love of Christ that passes knowledge so they may be filled with all the fullness of God (*Ephesians 3:17-19*).

I pray that God's love abounds in my persecutors. May their love thrive still more and more in knowledge and all discernment so they may approve the things that are excellent, that [they] may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God (*Philippians 1:9-11*).

God, I ask You to show them Your will. I pray that they be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that [they] may walk worthy of You, Lord, fully pleasing You, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God (*Colossians 1:9-10*).

Lord, I thank You for being my light, salvation, and the stronghold of my life. I have no reason to fear. When my adversaries and foes try to come against me, it is they who stumble and fall. Though my persecutors may camp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war rises against me, I am confident. Lord, I seek to dwell in Your house all the days of my life, to gaze upon Your beauty, and to sit at Your feet. For You, Lord, will hide me in Your shelter in the day of trouble. You will conceal me under the cover of Your tent. You will lift me high upon a rock (*Psalms 27:1-14*). My present hard times do not compare with the good times to come and the glory that is to be revealed to me (*Romans 8:18*).

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