

Jesus said to the crowd...

"I say to you to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. It's easy to love those who love you.

I'm calling you to love those who don't love you so that you can be true children of God."

"When you pray, pray like this... Our Father in Heaven, Your name is honored as holy. Come and set the world right, and do Your will here on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Please give us the food we need each day to live. And please, forgive us for the bad things we've done, just as we likewise forgive those who have done bad things to us.

Don't let us give in to doing bad things, and protect us from the cunning lies of the evil one."

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Whether we like it or not, we are to love those who've hurt or offended us.

The world would look a lot different if we followed this command.

Think of the person who hurt you the most, or that you're the most angry with...

Jesus says to **love & pray** for them.

↳ **agapaó:** a discriminating affection that involves choice and selection.

↳ **proseúchomai:** exchange personal desires for God's purposes in one's life.

This requires...

↳ **a change in attitude.** We are no better than anyone else.

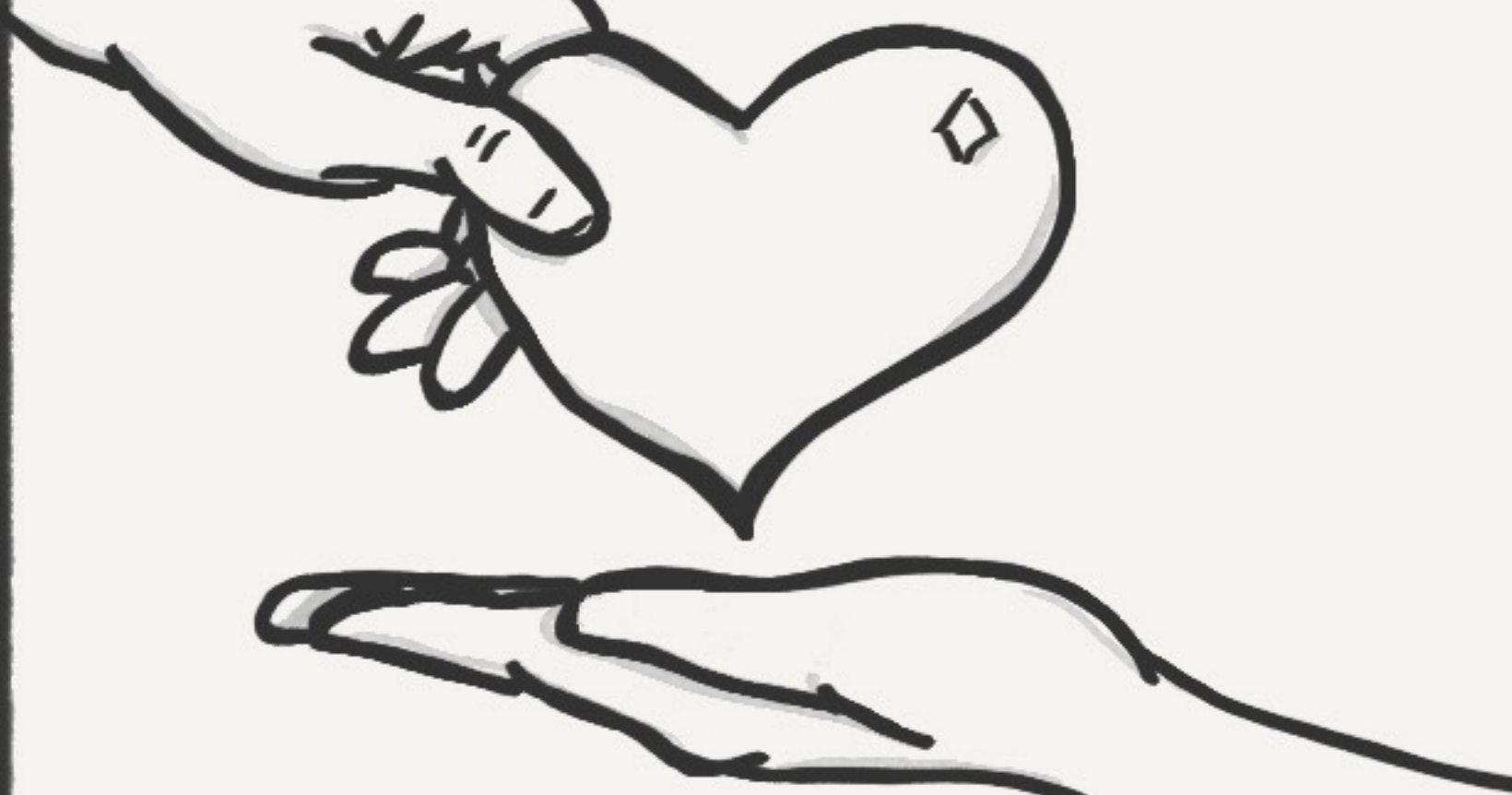
↳ **prayer for God's will.** Submit to His authority and purposes.

"This is how the world will know you are my disciples... **IF** you love one another."
- Jesus

God gives us **COMMON GRACE**

We've all messed up, and we all need His forgiveness.

Who do you need to **love?**



Who do you need to **forgive?**