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Proverbs 24:17

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;

Proverbs 25:21

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

Matthew 5 (NLT)

46 If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. 47 If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. 48 But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Maturing Faith

The continuous stripping away of your selfishness, and the growing trust that you have in God

Matthew 22

37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 5

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

Matthew 5

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Romans 5:10 (CEV)

Even when we were God's enemies, he made peace with us, because his Son died for us.

Matthew 5

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Romans 5

45 that you may be children 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.

Purpose of Prayer

We don't pray to get God to do something for us, we pray in order to open ourselves up to what God is doing in us