

Love is Brotherly Affection

Prayer Sheet

Romans 12:10 (ESV) *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

Thanksgiving: Ask God to remind you of a time when you experienced brotherly love (sacrificial love) from another Christian. For example, you received support or help e.g. someone brought you a meal, stopped and noticed you were down, sacrificed something on your behalf, etc. Write down the specifics and spend time thanking God for the specific ways this person showed love to you and what Jesus did in your heart through this act of love.

1 John 3:16 (NIV) *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.*

Jesus is the perfect example of brotherly affection and sacrificial love. He sacrificed everything so that we would know the depths of His love. His love changes us even when we get a glimpse of it, when we grow in understanding of the cost He paid on our behalf.

Listening Prayer: Ask Jesus for a word, thought, picture or scripture that would give you greater understanding of His sacrificial love for you specifically. Then write a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to Him!

Romans 12:4-5 (ESV) *4For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

Personal Reflection: God designed us to need each other, and He describes the church as a family, as a body, a plane where each person has a contribute, each part having importance and value. How have you benefited in being a part of this family, the body of Christ?

Personal Reflection: How do you contribute to the Church in living out brotherly affection and good will toward each other. If nothing comes to mind, ask Jesus to reveal 1-2 ways you contribute to the body in this way.

Listening Prayer: Ask Jesus to bring to mind 1-2 steps you can take in growing in practicing brotherly affection/sacrificial love and good will toward each other in the Church.

Prayer:

- Pray that the world wide church would continue to mature in showing brotherly/sisterly affection.
- Pray that many will be drawn to Christ and His Church through the examples of love they witness from Christians.
- Pray for Christian business owners and market place leaders; that their conduct would reflect that of Jesus and thereby influence people for the enlargement of God’s family.
- **Reflective Prayer:** There are many brother and sisters in Christ around the world today that are suffering on account of their faith-ask God to show you how your prayers can be used to support them without having the privilege of meeting them.