



A Prayer for Our Neighbors

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Lord, I believe You are the Creator of the universe, the Maker of the earth.
I believe You are the God above every living creature, great and small.
I believe You are the God who is with us, Emmanuel. You are the Word made flesh.

I know, too, that true belief will grow into sincere deeds.
Which is why I want to live out the truth of Your two greatest commands:

Loving You and loving my neighbor.

My heart's desire is that my belief in You is matched with actions that are of You.

Help me to love my neighbors well.
Help me to become Your hands and feet.

Right here. Right now.

Grant me the wisdom to know how to reach beyond my own four walls
and touch the lives of those You have placed in my community.
From the widow next door to the single mom across the street.
From the grandma who sits home alone to the family who can't sit still enough.

May Your deep, abiding love for others flood my heart
and fill me to overflowing for all You have created.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.