

Prayers for Growing a Life of Love

In his book, *Fruit-full Living: A Guide for Growing in God's Spirit*, Dr. Allen R. Hunt, senior pastor at Mount Pisgah Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, shares 10 tips for growing a life of love.

1. Make a list of your enemies and pray for them daily.
2. Weekly serve another person who cannot benefit you in return.
3. Attend worship more than one time per week and seek to love God with your heart more fully.
4. Participate on a mission team to serve persons in crisis.
5. Take the first step and seek healing in a broken relationship. Begin with prayer, then show God's healing love with a letter of apology or a gift made in their honor.
6. Keep a daily prayer journal to grow your capacity to love. Pray regularly for friends and enemies. Each day list three blessings that you have received from God and give thanks.
7. Spend an entire day of uninterrupted time with your family.
8. Give sacrificially to a scholarship fund or children's home that is over and beyond your ordinary giving to God's ministries.
9. Send prayer cards to 10 persons in prison. Pray for other ways to show one or more prisoners the love of God.
10. Spend a morning visiting persons in a hospital who have no visitors. Love others as God has first loved you.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 God, thank you for loving the world so much that you gave your only Son so that we may have eternal life. Jn. 3:16
2 God, teach us to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to lead lives of agape love (i.e., a sacrificial love that puts others first.) Jn. 10:1	3 God, help us to minister to others in need who cannot benefit us in return. Luke 10:25-37	4 God, enable us to keep all of Jesus' commandments as a sign of our love for Him. Jn. 14:21	5 God, as your children and as followers of Jesus, help us to abide in your love that flows into our lives. Jn. 15:9	6 God, may we honor the greatest commandment (i.e., to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.) Matt. 22:37	7 God, enable us to keep the second greatest commandment (i.e., to love our neighbors as ourselves.) Matt. 2:39	8 God, help us to love our enemies and to pray for persons who persecute us. Matt. 5:44-45
9 God, teach us to develop a greater capacity to love persons who do not return our love. Matt. 5:43-48	10 God, perfect your love in our lives. 1 Jn. 4:12	11 God, as a sign of our love for you, may we seek to grow in holiness. 1 Thess. 4:7	12 God, may the power of your love, revealed to us through Jesus, transform how we live our lives. Matt. 5:48	13 God, help us discover new and creative ways to grow our capacity to love you and to love others. Eph. 4:14-16	14 God, reveal ways we can bring your healing love to others. Rom. 12:10	15 God, thank you for the love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Rom. 5:5
16 God, all things work together for good for persons who love you and are called according to your purpose. Rom. 8:28	17 God, teach us to be hospitable, loving what is good, prudent, upright, devout, and self-controlled. Titus 1:9	18 God, neither trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger nor sword will separate us from the love of Christ. Rom. 8:35	19 God, love is patient. Help us to apply this principle in our daily lives. 1 Cor. 13:4	20 God, love is kind. Grant us your attributes of forgiveness, friendliness, compassion, generosity, and tenderness. 1 Cor. 13:4	21 God, love rejoices in the truth. Empower us to worship you in spirit and in truth. 1 Cor. 13:6; Jn. 4:24	22 God, love hopes all things. May we abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 5:13
23 God, love bears all things. Teach us that your grace is sufficient. 1 Cor. 13:7	24 God, love never ends. Enable us to be the loving disciples you have called us to be. 1 Cor. 13:8	25 God, help us to reflect Jesus' love so that all persons will know that we are His disciples. Jn. 13:35	26 God, empower us to resolve conflict and address challenges with a spirit of love and gentleness. 1 Cor. 4:21	27 God, may we pursue love and identify the spiritual gifts with which you have blessed us. 1 Cor. 14:1	28 God, fill us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Gal. 5	29 God, clothe us with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Col. 3:14
30 God, we pray that all may know the love of Christ and be filled with all your fullness. Eph. 3:19						 www.ngumc.org