

It is God's will that we become like Jesus (Rom 8:29). Maybe you have seen wrist bands that say "Do what Jesus would do". That is our goal. To respond to any situation like Jesus would. Getting there is a process that God starts in our lives with the "born again" experience and that only He can complete (Phil 1:6). God is the potter and we are His clay. Our part is to spend time in prayer and apply our faith in our Heavenly Father to finish the process of being conformed to the image of Christ.

Romans 8:29 NASB1995. [29] **For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;**

Romans 12:2 NASB1995 [2] **And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,** so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

A cat raised by a family of ducks will never be able to quack like a duck. A dog raised by a family of cats will never be able to meow.

A human being is different. A human (example: Marcos Rodríguez Pantoja) if raised by wolves is able to undergo radical transformation and start behaving like a wolf, including running on all fours and howling. At age 7 Marcos was abandoned and raised by wolves until age 19 when he was rescued. At age 19 by the grace of God through nuns & a priest his behavior was transformed back into that of a man.

(Marcos Rodríguez Pantoja - Wikipedia <https://share.google/G3IBLUCRKOsqh9Wk7>)

I shared Marcos's story to give us hope for our transformation process to become more like Jesus by praying what the Apostles prayed. If Marcos could be transformed into behaving like a wolf we can be transformed into behaving like Jesus.

So what is Jesus like? The Bible says he is the express image of God the Father (Heb 1:3).

In Jesus's time God the Father found himself being misrepresented & misunderstood by the religious leaders (Pharisees) of that day. They were not understanding His "heart" and "intent" towards people, even though they were reading their Bibles every day.

I like to think of Jesus as the Heavenly Father's sticky note (Bible manifested in the flesh (1Tim3:16)) to reveal God's heart and intent towards us so we can understand what He is really like.

Through Jesus's actions of love & compassion in healing people and relieving human suffering we can see what the Heavenly Father is really like and that He is love ❤️. Love is kind and patient (1Cor13:4). Love is also correction (Heb 12:6). The word love we are referring to is called agape in the Greek, and it is the God kind of love and is described in depth in 1st Corinthians chapter 13. It is described as kind, patient, unoffendable, unprovokable, never failing and and has been poured out in our hearts when we were born again.

We can't go wrong praying what the Apostles prayed. When we pray God's word we know it's His will to answer the prayers. I have listed verses I like to pray. God is the author and finisher of our purification/sanctification process and I am convinced and confident He will bring it to pass because Jesus died so we could become God's children.

Prayers to pray daily to be more like Jesus:

1 Corinthians 14:1a AMP. [1] (a) Pursue [this] love [with eagerness, make it your goal] yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

John 13:35 NKJV[35] By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Love ❤️ builds up, but knowledge puffs up.....(1Cor 8:1)

Matthew 12:20 NASB1995. [20] A battered reed He will not break off, And a smoldering wick He will not put out, Until He leads justice to victory.

(Prayer: Heavenly Father please help me eagerly pursue love (kindness & patience) building others up and never breaking off a battered reed (person who needs encouraging) or putting out a smoldering wick (someone about to give up) in Jesus name Amen)

Romans 8:26 NKJV. [26] Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

II Corinthians 2:14 NKJV. [14] Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

(Prayer: Heavenly Father please help me to pray as I ought to, to always triumph in Christ in every situation in Jesus name Amen)

Ephesians 3:16-19 KJV [16] that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; [17] that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [19] and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

(Prayer: Heavenly Father please grant me according to the riches of your glory to be strengthened with might by your spirit in my inner man so that Christ dwells in my heart by faith that I being rooted and grounded in love (kindness & patience) might be able to comprehend with all the saints the breath, length, height and depth and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge that I might be filled with all the fullness of God in Jesus's name Amen)

Thessalonians 3:12 NASB1995 [12] and **may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people,** just as we also do for you; [13] **so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father** at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

(Prayer: *Heavenly Father please cause me to increase and superabound in love (kindness & patience) towards other Christians and towards everyone so that You may establish my heart without blame in holiness before You at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints in Jesus name Amen)*

Philippians 1:9-10 NASB1995. [9] And this **I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,** [10] **so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;**

Romans 5:5 AMP [5] Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints us, because God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

(Prayer: *Heavenly Father please help your love (kindness & patience) poured out in my heart to superabound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment so that I may approve the things that are excellent in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ in Jesus name Amen)*

2 Thessalonians 3:5 NASB1995. [5] **May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.**

(Prayer: *Heavenly Father please direct my heart into your love (kindness & patience) and into the perseverance of Christ in Jesus name Amen)*

John 15:12-13 NASB1995 [12] **"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.**

John 13:34 NKJV [34] **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you,** that you also love one another.

Ephesians 5:1-2 NASB1995 [1] Therefore **be imitators of God, as beloved children; [2] and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us,** an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

(Prayer: *Heavenly Father please help me imitate Christ and walk in your love (kindness & patience) towards everyone, just as Christ also loved me giving Himself up for me. Please search me and remove anything hindering me from loving people like Jesus does, in Jesus name Amen)*

Colossians 3:14 AMP. [14] Beyond all these things put on and wrap yourselves in [unselfish] love, which is the perfect bond of unity [for everything is bound together in agreement when each one seeks the best for others].

Jude 1:21 AMPC. [21] Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)—[which will bring you] unto life eternal.

Philippians 2:14 NKJV [14] Do all things without complaining and disputing,

(Prayer: *Heavenly Father please help me wrap myself in your love (kindness & patience) never complaining and guard and keep myself in your love like a shield, no matter what comes my way in Jesus name Amen)*

Colossians 1:9-12 NKJV [9] For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; [10] that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; [11] strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; [12] giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

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Ephesians 1:17-21 NKJV [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, [18] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power [20] which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

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1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NASB1995 [23] **Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete,** without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. [24] **Faithful** is He who calls you, and **He also will bring it to pass.**

Philippians 1:6 AMP. [6] I am **convinced and confident** of this very thing, that **He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus** [the time of His return].

Galatians 4:19 AMPC [19] My little children, for whom **I am again suffering birth pangs until Christ is completely and permanently formed (molded) within you,**

Ephesians 2:10 NKJV [10] For we are **His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

(Prayer: *Heavenly Father thank you for perfecting and completing my whole spirit, soul (mind, will & emotions) and body sanctification & purification process that you began when I was born again. I Thank you Heavenly Father you are my sanctifier. I am your workmanship & I can't sanctify myself. It is something only you can do with your power & all-consuming unquenchable holy refiner's fire. Thank you for being faithful to completely and permanently form Christ in me & then preserve me in Jesus name Amen)*

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NASB1995 [16] **Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,** [17] **comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.**

1 Peter 1:22 NASB1995. [22] **Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,**

Colossians 2:2 NASB1995. [2] that their hearts may be encouraged, **having been knit together in love,** and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself,

from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the **building up of itself in love.** Ephesians 4:16 NASB1995

(Prayer: *Thank you Heavenly Father for helping me to sincerely seek the best for my brothers/sisters in Christ and be knit together in love (kindness & patience) with them doing my part to cause growth in your church in Jesus name Amen)*

Ezekiel 22:30 NASB1995 [30] **I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.**

Jeremiah 27:18 AMPC[18] **But if they are true prophets and if the word of the Lord is really spoken by them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts,** that the vessels which are [still] left in the house of the Lord, in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem may not go to Babylon.

1 Samuel 12:23 NASB1995 [23] **Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you;** but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

Habakkuk 3:2 AMP. [2] O Lord, I have heard the report about You and I fear. O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years, In the midst of the years make it known; In wrath [earnestly] remember compassion and love.

Hebrews 7:25 NASB1995 [25] Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**

Hebrews 5:7 NASB1995 [7] In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

(Prayer: *Heavenly Father please help me to never sin against You by not praying for everyone regardless of the situation. Help me be more like Jesus, always praying for your will in people's lives in Jesus name Amen)*

Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV. [9] In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. [10] Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. [11] Give us this day our daily bread. [12] And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. [13] And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

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Luke 22:31-32 NASB1995[31] “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; [32] but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

1 Thessalonians 3:10 AMPC [10] [And we] continue to pray especially and with most intense earnestness night and day that we may see you face to face and **mend and make good whatever may be imperfect and lacking in your faith.**

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 NASB1995

1 John 5:18 AMP[18] We know [with confidence] that anyone born of God does not habitually sin; **but He (Jesus) who was born of God [carefully] keeps and protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.**

John 17:15 AMPC[15] **I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep and protect them from the evil one.**

who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:5 NASB1995

(Prayer: Heavenly Father please mend and make good whatever may be imperfect and lacking in my faith and help my faith to never fail. Also thank you for strengthening and protecting me from the evil one with your power through faith so the evil one can't touch me in Jesus name Amen)

Some Bible verses & testimonials to help us realize what God is really like:

God the Father sent Jesus to save us for no other reason, except that He loved us. ❤️ Love for us, not nails, kept Jesus on the cross – he could have called more than 12 legions of angels to wipe out Rome (Matt 26:53).

I remember hearing a prophet talk about how an angel told him that the angels did not understand why God loves us so much and why God the Father sent Jesus to save us.

The angel said they were present when Lucifer and 1/3 of the angels were kicked out of heaven and they said the Father showed no emotion. However when Adam committed treason in the garden of Eden the Father turned to Jesus and sent Him to save us (John 8:42). The angels did not expect the Father's response to be different for mankind. I am very glad that it was.

John 8:42 NASB1995 [42] Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, **for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.**

John 3:16 AMP [16] **"For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son,** so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8 TPT[8] **But Christ proved God's passionate love for us** by dying in our place while we were still lost and ungodly!

Ephesians 2:4-5 NASB1995 [4] But God, being rich in mercy, **because of His great love with which He loved us**, [5] even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)**,

Titus 3:5-8 AMP. [5] He saved us, **not because of any works of righteousness that we have done, but because of His own compassion and mercy**,

Below we can see God's great love & kindness in the way Jesus talked to people. Jesus didn't come to criticize or condemn us, but to save us (John 3:17).

Luke 4:22 NASB1995 [22] **And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips;** and they were saying, "Is this not Josephs son?"

Mark 10:20-21 NASB1995. [20] And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up." [21] Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Jesus lovingly doesn't call him out on how ridiculous it is to think that he kept all the commandments flawlessly from his youth when Jesus had come to earth to die for all our sins including his. How ridiculous. But Jesus in love, looks at him and just says lovingly, there's just one thing you lack.... (Again, Jesus, the Bible manifested in the flesh, demonstrates what the Father is really like. The Father is merciful and compassionate.)

Same thing with Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). Jesus in love doesn't say to him, how can you be friends with the Romans, the enemy of your people. How can you take money from your people and even extort money and give it to the Romans. You no good thief. How can you live with yourself? He doesn't say that, but instead by a word of knowledge calls Zacchaeus by name, very gently starting a healing process in his heart. Zacchaeus inside his heart is saying, Oh my God, God knows my name and then that healing process starts churning inside him and it leads him to say I'm going to give back everything I've stolen even 4 fold. The kind gentle way Jesus spoke caused repentance because the goodness of God leads people to repentance (Rom 2:4). The kindness of God our Savior is what did it.

Same with woman caught in adultery about to be put to death (John 8:3-11). Jesus didn't criticize the woman caught in adultery because He came to save, not condemn & criticize. He didn't say how can you wreck someone's marriage & destroy a precious family. How callous you must be. Instead Jesus acted in love and saved her, saying in parting, **go and sin no more**.

Same with the woman at the well (John 7-32). Jesus didn't criticize the woman at the well. He didn't say how come your living in sin without a marriage license. Don't you know God doesn't accept common law marriages as legit? No, he said go call your husband. A very nice way of leading into some loving correction. (Love is kind and it's also correction)

Below is a testimony of Dr. Paul Dhinakaran's dad that I heard that helped me understand what God is really like & it's very similar to another man's encounter found on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/upTofuSlcVM?si=REWf08Fv4yaVaBJa>

When Dr. Paul Dhinakaran's dad spoke with the Apostle Paul in Heaven he said Jesus's voice was so full of love ❤️ on the Damascus road, he felt & knew he was loved with a great love that passed knowledge and wanted to serve this person forever whom he had been persecuting. He said everything was rubbish compared to knowing Jesus.

Below are some Bible verses on love I like to think about and meditate on:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NASB1995. [1] If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, **but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.** [2] If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, **but do not have love, I am nothing** [3] **And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.** [4] **Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, [5] does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,** [6] does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; [7] **bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.** [8] **Love never fails;** but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; i

[13] But now **faith, hope, love,** abide these three; **but the greatest of these is love.**

1 John 4:16 NASB1995 [16] We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and **the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

Romans 5:5 KJV [5] and hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost** which is given unto us.

1 Timothy 1:5 NASB1995 [5] But the **goal** of our instruction is **love** from a **pure heart** and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NASB1995 [16] **Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,** [17] **comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.**

Proverbs 3:11-12 AMP. [11] **My son, do not reject or take lightly the discipline of the Lord** [learn from your mistakes and the testing that comes from His correction through discipline]; **Nor despise His rebuke,** [12] **For those whom the Lord loves He corrects.** Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

Hebrews 12:5-6 NASB1995. [5] and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reproved by Him; [6] **For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He scourges every son whom He receives."**

Colossians 2:2 NASB1995. [2] **that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love,** and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself,

Micah 6:8 NASB1995 [8] He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you **But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?**

Thank you, Heavenly Father, Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV[22] **Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.** [23] **They are new every morning;** great is your faithfulness.

Isaiah 52:14 NIV. [14] Just as there were **many who were appalled at him—** his **appearance** was **so disfigured beyond that of any human being** and his form **marred beyond human likeness—**

(Matthew 8:17 AMPC [17] And thus He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, **He Himself took [in order to carry away] our weaknesses and infirmities and bore away our diseases.**

Isaiah 53:4-5 AMPC [4] Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. [Matt. 8:17.] [5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.(1Pet2:24)

Psalms 129:3 NASB1995 [3] **The plowers plowed upon my back; They lengthened their furrows."**

Isaiah 53:10 NKJV [10] **Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin,** He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

Philippians 2:14-15 NASB1995 [14] **Do all things without grumbling or disputing;** [15] so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

Psalms 101:5 NKJV [5] **Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.**

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Dr. Bill Hamon, known as the father of the prophetic movement in this country, at age 90 asked the heavenly father if he could come home to heaven. The Father said not yet, because Jesus was not yet fully formed in him. He told him at age 95 Christ would be fully formed in him and then he could come home.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NASB1995 talks about being sanctified & preserved in Christ. God doesn't preserve someone after reaching say 37% sanctification or 81% because that wouldn't make sense. He preserves you after He sanctifies you 100% or another way of saying it is Christ is fully 100% formed in us. We need to apply our faith in God our sanctifier every day to reach that goal of Christ being fully formed in us 100%, so then he can preserve us. It's His will to conform us to the image of Christ and why Jesus died. I am a work in progress but am convinced God can and will finish me because I am His workmanship.