

Prayed for his enemies to be blessed

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The Boundary of God's Heart

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When you face painful and agonizing situations and feel like you have reached the end of your rope, you must focus on the central point - God has never experienced real joy in His Heart. His Heart is only embracing sorrow and agony. Therefore, your question is how to comfort God's grieving heart. It is your most important responsibility as a member of Unification Church.

When you gain a victory, you must thank God with tears of gratitude. The victory you gain today is not a victory won by your efforts alone. From the first victory, to the one-hundredth, to the ten-millionth victory, every victory is won because God's decisive motive is behind it. Thus, you who understand this principle must always keep grateful hearts to Him, even when going through courses filled with tears. Jesus offered his gratitude to God, when he went the course of the cross. Unless the heart of gratitude had remained, even after death by crucifixion, there would not have been his resurrection.

Therefore, you must fight on and continue fighting on. After a victory, with gratitude to God, you must move on-ward to the world on the road of battle. This is where you stand in the process of restoration. Don't ever forget that.

Longing for Eden
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Jesus prayed for his enemies to be blessed. He prayed for blessing upon those who hammered the nails into his hands and feet and who put the crown of thorns on his head. He prayed for happiness and blessings for the ignorant soldiers who pierced spears in his sides. Why did Jesus do that?

Total Indemnity
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The conclusion for us is to love our enemy. When Jesus prayed for those people who were killing him, it was the greatest victory. If he had hated his enemies when he was about to die, then the providence of God would not have been successful. But as Jesus overcame his difficulties through love, Satan began surrendering, and Jesus obtained the qualification of God's perfected child.

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What do you suppose a person who seeks to inherit the will of God must advocate? There is absolutely no way he or she could tell the people of this world to just go the way they enjoy. In fact he or she would have to tell the people of this world to go in the opposite direction. A saying that expresses this fact is the motto, "Love your enemies with the heart of true love." Love your enemies! These words can turn around our false history; they are the same as an anchor, and an anchor chain for a ship being blown before a howling typhoon. However, throughout the history of the providence of restoration, there has been no one who has actually practiced the words "Love your enemies." If there were people who could love their enemies, we would have to raise them up to the world stage using some form of systematic organization. Because this is the logical conclusion, each of you needs to understand that God actually has to present this kind of movement to the world, and that the religious movements that have arisen in history are a reflection of this.

Who is the person God has been able to love the most in history? It is Jesus. Jesus presented a new direction for this conflict-ridden world. High walls are created between oppressor nations and oppressed nations, such as between Rome and Israel, by them viewing each other as enemies. Jesus' philosophy is that these walls need to be demolished. Jesus thought, "You in Rome want to conquer me by force, but I will conquer you in the opposite way -- with love." That is why he even sought blessing for his enemies when he was hanging on the cross.

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In order to regain God's Fatherland by your own hands, you must love your enemy. To love your enemy, you must love your personal enemy, then love your family's enemy, love your tribal enemy, then your national enemy, and the world level enemy. Unless you go through these principled steps, the ideal world will never appear on earth. You must understand this.

I never condemned my enemies who opposed and persecuted me on the path way, Some Americans were not friendly to me. However, I never uttered even one word cursing them. I never complained about it. I never took revenge nor brought accusation against them.