

A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

 **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR NEIGHBORS, who comes to mind? Your physical neighbors in the house next door? Your circle of friends? When Jesus was asked “Who is my neighbor?” in Luke 10:29, he answered with a parable. And in that story he illustrated that our love for our neighbors should expand over cultural boundaries and ethnic lines. This week, will you pray for those neighbors who do not always think, act or look like you — but who are created in the image of God?

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Lord, teach us to be good neighbors, both to those who live near us and also to everyone we meet. Help us to see the best in, and want the best for, all of your precious children.

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Pray that God will help you put aside preconceptions about other people. Pray that he will open your eyes and heart and help you see all people through his eyes.

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Pray for your community — people of all ages, races and backgrounds who live near you. Pray for those you know by name, those you recognize, and those you have never actually spoken to. Pray that God will provide opportunities to serve and love them.

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Pray for ways to understand your neighbor who is different from you. Ask the Lord to reveal ways you can support him or her, whether by words, actions or prayers.

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Pray for your neighbors across the globe whom you've never met but who deeply need your prayers and support. Pray for the hungry, for those in refugee camps and prisons, for the homeless and for the oppressed.

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Praise God for your good neighbors, those who call and check in and love well. Pray that you can learn from these neighbors God has placed in your life.

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Pray specifically for a neighbor in your life who is suffering today. Ask God to show you ways you can minister to him or her.



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second (commandment) is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

—MARK 12:30-31, NIV

