

Prayers for ourselves that we would be transformed into the likeness of Jesus

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

PRAISE

Father, we praise you and thank you for demonstrating your love to us through your compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience which you abundantly show.

Jesus, we certainly don't deserve it, but you demonstrate your love for us through your forgiveness, no longer holding our past against us, instead healing our hurt, and taking away our guilt and shame.

Thank you, Spirit, that you dwell in us richly as you transform us into the likeness of Jesus, leading and guiding our lives.

Through Christ, you change our lives
from the old self to the new self,
from conforming to this world to reflecting the character of God.

Through your word, through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, you shape us.
Thank you for making us into the likeness of the Son.

PRAYER PROMPTS

Thank you for having a heart of love, compassion, kindness toward us when...

I praise you for forgiving us because...

Thank you for your indwelling Spirit that allows us to live for you when...

REQUESTS

Father, we are a work in progress. Though we are being transformed, we haven't arrived yet.

We so quickly react and judge and jump to conclusions instead of being clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Forgive us, Lord.

Our world around us values shrewdness, values power, and values the false gods that make grand promises of wealth, influence, meaning, and success, but never deliver.

You offer us something completely different, so that we might give you glory and be a witness in this world. Continue to work in us, transforming us into the likeness of your Son, so that the world might see what we truly long for: purpose, meaning, and a relationship with the God who loves us.

Work in us so that we have abundant grace toward others, forgiving one another as you have forgiven us.

Work in us so we reflect your character to our family, our neighbors, our coworkers, and those in our church.

We pray that we would be transformed and renewed so that through our words and deeds, we would be a witness to those around us of you and your incredible love.

PRAYER PROMPTS

God, clothe us with your characteristic of...

As you are transforming us, help us to become more like you in...

Help us to be kind, humble and gentle when...

Transform us to be a witness for you to...

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, continue to do the work of transforming our hearts to be like yours, longing for the world to see you and come to believe in you.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who is at work within us,

Amen.

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