

PRAYER FOR LOVING OTHERS

**Lord, Make me an instrument of your love.
May I see each circumstance in my life
as an opportunity to grow in your love.
May I see my environment
as a place to grow in your love.**

May I then take this love to other people...

**When I am tempted to become impatient,
help me to be patient.**

**When I am tempted to become unkind,
help me to be kind.**

**When I am tempted to become jealous,
help me to be tolerant.**

**When I am tempted to become boastful or proud,
help me give you the glory.**

**When I am tempted to be rude or selfish,
give me the gift of gentleness.**

**When I am tempted to take offense,
help me to let go.**

**When I am tempted to become angry with someone,
give me the gift of forgiveness.**

**When I am tempted to become resentful,
give me your power to love.**

**Lord, grant that I may take no pleasure in criticizing
others,
but that I may see good in them, as you do.**

**When I begin to concentrate on the faults and failures of
others,
give me courage to praise their accomplishments.**

Help me be loyal to those you give me to love.

**Help me to believe in them,
even when they do not believe in themselves.
To expect the best from them,
but accept the best they can give.
May I always defend them,
as you always defend me.**

**All gifts and powers come from you.
All will come to an end.
With one important exception, the gift of love!!!
Lord, when I was a child,
I thought like a child,
I acted like a child,
and I reasoned like a child.
Now that I have become an adult,
I release my childish ways.**

Amen.