

# SERMON NOTES

November 19 & 20, 2022

**Progress is Perfection** | *Pray for My Enemies*  
*Matthew 5:43-48*

1. An enemy is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ my negative thoughts.

How to pray for my enemy:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ with God about my pain. **Psalm 139:19-22**

b. Separate \_\_\_\_\_ from the  
\_\_\_\_\_. **Psalm 139:13-14**

c. Reflect on \_\_\_\_\_. **Psalm 139:23**

d. Ask God to \_\_\_\_\_  
into \_\_\_\_\_. **Psalm 139:24**

2. Praying for my enemy \_\_\_\_\_  
beyond their brokenness.

# Life Steps

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## Monday

Psalm 139:19-22

*Reflect:* Who is the person that comes to mind when you hear the word “enemy?” Take some time to write down the reasons why you consider them an enemy.

*Prayer:* God of grace, I know your healing power is at work in this situation even before I pray. Thank you for walking with me in this moment.

## Tuesday

Habakkuk 1:5-11

*Reflect:* The Chaldeans were enemies of the people of God, yet God still had a purpose and presence within them. Consider your enemy. What sort of purpose do you think God might have for them?

*Prayer:* God of purpose and design, help me to see your presence at work in my enemy. Help me to see how you can still use them for good.

## Wednesday

Psalm 139:23-24

*Reflect:* As you think through the reasons why you feel the way you do about our enemy, list some of the areas in your life where someone else might view you as the enemy. How does this speak into how you feel about your enemy?

*Prayer:* God of conviction, reveal to me where I am broken as I consider the brokenness of others. Lead me in the way everlasting.

## Thursday

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

*Reflect:* As you work through the idea of praying for your enemy, how has your journey through your pain revealed to you any insight about the kingdom of heaven?

*Prayer:* God of redemption, I pray confidently, knowing that your goodness is revealed in all things, even in the tragedies of life. May your redeeming goodness be shown in my pain.

## Friday

Philippians 4:10-13

*Reflect:* As you step closer to praying for your enemy, what have you learned about being content in the face of trials? Reflect on what the basic necessities are for your sense of joy.

*Prayer:* God of pure contentment, remind me today that you are the source of my joy, you are the breath in my lungs, and you are the beating in my heart. Teach me contentment of simply being with you today.

## Saturday

Psalm 23:5-6

*Reflect:* The purpose and mission of God leads us to find comfort in him in the midst of discomfort. How can this passage help you find comfort in God while dealing with your enemy?

*Prayer:* God of meaning and purpose, give me the strength to lean into the places of discomfort so I can move forward with you, no longer imprisoned by the pain of my past.

## Sunday

Psalm 139:13-16

*Reflect:* All of God’s works are wonderful. God doesn’t make mistakes; people do. Reflect on how God can be found even in the presence of your enemy.

*Prayer:* God of reconciliation, use me today to help mend one more bridge, repair one more broken relationship, heal one more place of hurt. Amen