

Wednesday Prayer Points July 29th

Homes on Your Street Read 1 Peter 2:11-12

Father, help me to...

1. Remember My Real Home

"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles..." (v. 11)

Thank God that He is preparing an eternal home for you — a place of perfect security, love, comfort, and joy. You are (and sometimes feel like) a 'foreigner' and 'exile' on your street and community, because you are a citizen of heaven. Ask God to keep your eyes fixed on your future so that you can live with joy and confidence.

2. Fight Sin

"...abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." (v. 11)

Christians are not at war with the world around us — we're at war with the sin within us. In what ways do your 'sinful desires' harm your neighbors? Repent before God now and ask His Spirit to empower you to fight sin.

3. Do Good

"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable..." (v. 12)

Prayerfully think through some practical ways you can proactively do good to your neighbors this week. Ask for God's help to show genuine interest, radical hospitality, and real love to those living around you.

4. Expect Accusation

"...so that when they speak against you as evildoers..." (v. 12)

If we live and speak wholeheartedly for Jesus, we can expect to meet some opposition — no matter how nice we may be. Ask God to give you an attitude which expects and embraces this, so that you won't shy away from broaching awkward conversations or giving invitations to church.

5. Glorify God

"...they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." (v. 12)

On the day that Jesus returns, every single person on your street and community will bow the knee to Him. Pray that your neighbors would do that now, willingly — so that on that day they will meet Jesus as their Savior as well as their Judge. Take time to pray this for some of your neighbors by name.