Heartfelt Kindness

Lord Jesus, we come to You this morning to ask You to soften our hearts so that we can deepen our desire to love others as You love us. Teach us what a blessing it can be when we put others ahead of ourselves, when we learn how to love those we may find unlovable, and when we reach out with kindness even to strangers.

Let us do this as an act of faith and our desire to glorify You the

King of Kings, without expecting anything in return. You tell us in your Word “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Help us to understand, Lord that when we bless others without expecting anything in return, we know that we are doing this to glorify You, our faithful and loving God, who gave the ultimate sacrifice when You breathed your last breath on the Cross. Let our lives be a living testimony to your forgiveness and your kindness. We give to others to glorify You, our Jehovah Jireh, who has blessed us beyond all measure. We know we are doing this out of our love for You, our faithful, personal, loving Father who tells us in your Word “we are precious in your sight, and You honor us and You love us.”

Help us to understand that as we grow in our inclination for kindness and giving, not only will we feel blessed to do it, but more importantly we are being exemplary ambassadors for You, Lord Jesus. It gives us the opportunity to show others that we are children of the Most High God and we are made in your image. It allows us to reflect and radiate your glory.

In a world filled with chaos and evil it is not always easy to raise our levels of compassion, kindness, and forgiveness. It is so easy when we step out into that world, to allow our fleshy lives to rule us. The enemy is so active when he sees us trying to get closer to you, that if we let our guard down he is ready to devour us. You tell us very clearly, “Be sober-minded and watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

You have graciously blessed us with your Word. Help us to realize, if we step out in faith and commit ourselves to regularly meditating on your instruction manual for our lives, and truly do our very best to do what You ask of us, we can be assured from the testimonies we have heard and experienced, to the miracles we have witnessed in our lives and the lives of others, to all of the amazing stories we have access to in your Word, that we will reap what we sow.

Thank You, Lord, that we can trust You, our faithful, personal God who assures us You will never leave us nor forsake us. Let us pray for the comfort and peace that only You can provide. Fill us with your power and strength and with the ability to continue to praise You in the storms. We pray for patience as You, the Great Waymaker, work things out according to your will. We are grateful to be filled with your Spirit and to be able to cast all of our cares upon You, our Burden Bearer.

We adore You. We honor You. We are so grateful for who You are and all You have done in our lives and continue to do.

In Jesus’ precious name we pray. Amen