

Sunday January 10, Day 7 Prayer Intention:

Today we pray for our family and friends, close and/or extended, who have heard the gospel and rejected the truth.

Scripture:

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Romans 2:4

Things we are praying for together:

(you can pray for all of these or choose a few to pray for)

These are the scriptures I always pray over my family and friends

- That the Holy Spirit would open the eyes of our friends' and family's hearts, and that they would know the hope of their calling. - Ephesians 1:17-21
- That God would grant them repentance and that the Holy Spirit would lead them to the knowledge of the truth. - 2 Timothy 2:25
- That the Holy Spirit would give them the ability to come to their senses and escape the snares of the devil. - 2 Timothy 2:26

Reflection:

In my darkest moments of my life, where I felt very isolated and alone, I remember how my heavenly Father was so patient with me. Days of having no money for groceries, and bags of groceries would be dropped off by random strangers. Women calling me out of the blue giving me instructions on how to enroll my daughter in preschool in a time when I was very emotionally paralyzed. I still to this day do not know how they received my number. All of this was happening while I was not serving Him. I could go

on about the goodness of God. But He was like the scripture says, being *wonderfully kind, tolerant and patient with me*. He chased me for 10 years and I began to understand, especially after my abortions, that His goodness truly leads us to repentance.

He reminds me all the time how patient He has been with me through the years, especially when I start complaining about somebody else's choices. His goodness will lead our family and friends to repentance because we have experienced it personally in our own lives.

Prayer:

Oh Father let us not forget how patient and kind You have been to us through the years when we did not know you yet. And even when we did know You, how long it took us to truly surrender to Your ways. We repent on behalf of our family and friends who have not chosen You Jesus and those who believe they are right. Oh Holy Spirit, grant them repentance. In Jesus name, Amen.