

Title: Our Mandate II
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Our prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Christ's mandate

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Question

1. A specific situation or time in your life where everything just seemed to go wrong?
2. The most painful thing you've ever experienced.

Life happens

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 (NLT)

¹¹I have observed something else under the sun. The fastest runner doesn't always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn't always win the battle. The wise sometimes go hungry, and the skillful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don't always lead successful lives. It is all decided by chance, by being in the right place at the right time. ¹²People can never predict when hard times might come. Like fish in a net or birds in a trap, people are caught by sudden tragedy.

B. Sent to heal

Psalm 34:18

¹⁸The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Psalm 34:17-19

¹⁷The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

- Pray for them
- Engage them

- Show them that you care
- Allow them into your life
- Demonstrate hope
- Pray with them
- Connect them to His body

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;