

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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January 17, 2024 – Praying the Apostolic Prayers – Erlinda Cruz

## ***Loving Jesus and Others as a Response to Knowing God's Love***

**(Fasting Wednesday)**

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge [of God’s heart] and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense [blameless; ESV, NAS, NIV] till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

Philippians 1:9-11

### **Revelation of God’s Love for Us**

We pray for greater understanding of God’s love for us. Even in eternity, we will never exhaust or fully grasp the fullness of the ocean of God’s love.

“...that you... may be able to comprehend... what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge...”

Ephesians 3:17-19

### **Impartation of Love for Jesus in Us**

Jesus prayed that the Father would impart His own love for Jesus to His people so that they would love Jesus in the way the Father loves Jesus.

“I declared Your name...that the love with which You loved Me may be in them...”

John 17:26

### **Overflow of God’s Love for Others Through Us:**

We pray that love flows through us to others.

“...If we love one another... His love has been perfected [overflows] in us...”

1 John 4:12

**Still more and more:** This speaks of love progressively growing in the hearts of God’s people.

**In knowledge:** Walking in greater love begins with understanding the truth about God’s personality, the finished work of the cross, Jesus’ leadership, how He views His people, and more.

**All discernment:** We must love on God’s terms. Jesus is the only man qualified to define love. There are many definitions of love in the culture that are not in agreement with God’s word.

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We are equipped to abound in love for others by growing in knowledge of God's heart and growing in discernment that sees others through the lens of His love—including His delight in mercy and His gentleness towards them (Psalm 18:35; Micah 7:15).

Jesus' leadership is so gracious and kind. Being treated by God with gentleness and viewing others through His gentleness makes people "great."

"...He delivered me because He delighted in me... Your gentleness has made me great."

Psalm 18:19, 35

"Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity...? Because He delights in mercy."

Micah 7:18

Today is Wednesday fasting and prayer day.

Let us then pray to:

- Have a revelation of God's love for us.
- Have an impartation of love for Jesus in us.
- Overflow of God's love for others through us.
- To grow still more and more in knowledge and all discernment.