MINDFUL MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

27 "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; 28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.
32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
Luke 6:27-34

"Calling ourselves Christian is easy, being a Christian is hard."
The message from Pastor Lynda Carlson is a reminder of a commandment that isn't easy to obey. Being kind to our enemies is hard, yet Jesus asks us to do it. When someone mistreats us, is unkind, or is cruel, our natural reaction is to not give love, but to give the hate back to them. So even though it is hard, we must not give into hatred. We must show love.

35 Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
Luke 6:35-38

So today we pray for our enemies. We pray for those that mistreat others or live with hatred in their hearts. Let us pray we can give compassion as Jesus did. Let us help and give to those that do not expect it. Let us live generously and graciously. Jesus said to love, so love.

Pray today for those that are on our prayer list or in need of Your presence. Pray for the joys and concerns of the church.

Pray for the following churches, pastors, and ministries on this week's Regional prayer calendar.