Romans 12:21 *(NLT)* ***Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.***

Matthew 5:43-45 *(NIV) You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' [44] But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [45] that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

Luke 6:27-28 *(NLT) ... I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. [28] Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.*

****How in the world can we do these things? Pray for those who persecute us, Love our enemies, Do good to those who hate us. How is this possible? It is amazing to me to stop and realize that I was an enemy of God when Jesus died for me. Jesus literally lived out these verses when He went to the cross for my sins.

Life Application Bible Notes: "By loving and praying for our enemies, we can overcome evil with good. ...If you love your enemies and treat them well, you will truly show that Jesus is Lord of your life. This is possible only for those who give themselves fully to God... We must trust the Holy Spirit to help us *show* love to those for whom we may not *feel* love."

PRAYER: Lord God help me to overcome evil by doing GOOD. Help me to be willing to pray for those who have hurt me and to bless those who curse me. Lord, I cannot do that alone. I need your strength empowering me.

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