

Love In Action:

August 2025

Hello again! Welcome to the August installment of our Love in Action Challenge. If you have any specific needs or prayer requests, please don't hesitate to reach out and/or post in the group for assistance.

To begin, be a good Berean. Check what I say against the inspired word of God, pray about it, and seek His guidance. Invite Holy Spirit to provide direction. If you recognize error, please let me know, as well:-).

Let's pray before going much further - Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, I ask that You open my eyes, ears, and soften my heart to receive what You have for me. You're my Helper Holy Spirit, so please help me as I walk out the life that You intend me to. Thank You and amen!

Let's start with 2 different scriptures which will set the stage for the rest:

Hebrews 10:23-25 - Let us hold resolutely to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1 Corinthians 16:14 - Let everything you do be done in love [motivated and inspired by God's love for us].

This is ultimately a call to persevering, remaining rooted and strong, and to continue in walking in love and good deeds. Many of you are already living this way, as we should, but these monthly messages with text will be an additional reminder and encouragement to continue. My hope is that this will lead you to stepping out more in your day-to-day life and encourage you to observe and ask the Lord more about situations you can step in to and provide additional opportunities to be the light and salt as you reflect Jesus daily.

Love In Action (look to do one, or better yet all of these this next month):

- 1. When you notice something positive about someone—whether it's their attire, smile, or demeanor—offer a sincere compliment. This simple act can brighten their day and open the door for further conversation. If opportunity for prayer opens up, ask.
- 2. Prepare meals or snacks and share them with homeless individuals, consider including a short prayer or a word of encouragement.
- 3. Ask the Lord to highlight someone in need and go and meet that need physically, financially, etc. however He shows you.
- 4. Share a testimony with a stranger of what the Lord has done in your life or how you came to Him.

Questions for Individual/Group Contemplation:

In what ways am I living authentically and aligning my actions with my values? Does anything need to be adjusted?

How might fasting help me grow closer to God and develop self-discipline?

What small acts of kindness can I perform this week to brighten someone's day?

Blessings Journal: Would keeping a gratitude journal help me focus more on God's blessings? How?

Quote to consider:

"Prayer in action is love, love in action is service."

- Mother Teresa

Closing:

If you have other ideas for Love in Action, send em my way and I'll consider adding them to the monthly list. There is a larger list on the website which I will often pull from and modify at times, so if you would like other ideas, look there.