

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

(Matthew 22:36-39)

Called to Love & Serve

The Greek word *allelon* means "one another, each other; mutually, reciprocally," and it occurs 100 times in the New Testament. As "members of one another" (Romans 12:5, Ephesians 4:25), we are created for relationship – first with God then with each other. Community is foundational to who we are. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve one another, to sacrificially put each other's needs ahead of our own.

But that's not always easy, especially if we've been hurt in community. Yet the first five words of Matthew 22:36 say, "Love the Lord your God ..." Jesus wants us to come to Him first, to be strengthened by Him, to be so filled that it is *His love flowing through us into others*.

The Heart of Community

The Biblical *one another* verses invite us to take the next courageous step into authentic community, but it begins with sacrifice, with listening, first to God then to one another, and as God prompts with sharing pieces of our stories with one another.

Joni Eareckson Tada wrote this about a *one another* friend: "We've been through the same school of suffering. Her tears are real. And so, I am free to share mine with her. And in this way, we encourage one another. We both grieve; we both cry; we both confess our wrestlings, but we cling to Christ. We quote each other Scripture; we pray and bless one another; share our courage and victories."

33 One Another Verses

We invite you to pray through these 33 One Another verses, meditating on what it means to "love one another deeply from the heart" as we learn to journey together as the Body of Christ on earth.

- 1. Be at peace with each other (Mark 9:50)
- 2. Wash one another's feet (1 John 13:14)
- 3. Love one another (John 13:34, 35; John 15:12, 17; Romans 13:8,1 John 3:11, 23; 1 John 4:7, 11, 12; 2 John 5; 1 Peter 3:8, 4:8)
- 4. Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)
- 5. Honor one another (Romans 12:10)
- 6. Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16, 1 Peter 3:8)
- 7. Stop passing judgment on one another (Romans 14:13)
- 8. Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- Instruct one another (Romans 15:14)
- Greet one another (Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14)
- 11. Wait for each other (1 Corinthians 11:33)
- 12. Have equal concern for each other (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- 13. Serve one another (Galatians 5:13, 1 Peter 4:10)
- 14. Carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- 15. Bear with one another (Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:13)
- 16. Be kind and compassionate with one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- 17. Forgive each other (Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13)
- Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)
- 19. Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
- 20. Consider others better than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)
- 21. Do not lie to each other (Colossians 3:9)
- 22. Teach one another (Colossians 3:16)
- 23. Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
- 24. Make your love increase and overflow for each other (1 Thessalonians 3:12)
- 25. Encourage each other (1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11; Hebrews 10:25, 13:3)
- 26. Build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- 27. Spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)
- 28. Do not slander one another (James 4:11)
- 29. Don't grumble against each other (James 5:9)
- 30. Confess your sins to each other (James 5:16)
- 31. Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)
- 32. Offer hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
- 33. Pray for each other (James 5:16)



