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“GOD, I've been hearing of late people quoting the bible and saying, 'love your enemies.' Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". I've been thinking about that... Isn't it better not to have anyone be your enemy? If we are all brothers and sisters and you created each one of us in your image and likeness, then why do so many people think they have enemies? I understand that we can't all get along perfectly and agree on everything when there are so many unique and different personalities, but I still love those people I disagree with just as much as I love others. Even if some considered me their enemy, wouldn't my love for them soften their anger and hatred and help them to see me not as an enemy, but as a neighbor? I have heard that once we hear someone's life story, we can no longer be their enemy. I just wish that people could love more completely and see themselves and others as your beloved children. I think the only people who feel they have enemies are those who look in the mirror and don't feel complete love for what they see. They don't see you inside of them and they project their anger toward themselves onto others. So much damage is done in our world because of this. How can I help people to love more? Not only to love their neighbor and their enemy, but to love themselves. If people could only see your holiness within themselves, they wouldn't even have to think twice about loving their neighbor. Loving their enemies would not even have to be considered because they wouldn't see anyone as their enemy. They would only see people as your children and their brothers or sisters. “God, I have felt the agonizing pain of the horrible things present in this world, so much pain that it nearly killed me. If it's possible for me to feel the pain of others around the world, then it must also be possible for others around the world to feel my love. Show me how I can help the world feel your love. Help me be everything that you created me to be, in my words and in my actions, so others can feel your complete and unconditional love.”