

HOW/WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER?

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JAMES 5:16

English Standard Version (ESV)

*16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and **pray for each other** so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power to prevail.*

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 THESSALONIANS 5:25

*Brothers, **pray for us**.*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1

*3 Finally, brothers, **pray for us**, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,*

Yes, we often pray for the **physical needs and worldly concerns** of our family and friends, but far more importantly, we should pray for their **spiritual well being** above all else.

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

*15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 **I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers**, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

HOW/WHAT does Paul pray for his friends in Ephesus?

vs 17) That GOD would give the Spirit of...

-- wisdom -- revelation --> **knowledge of Him**

vs 18) enlightened hearts who know:

the hope to which they have been called

the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints (the church!)

vs 19) the immeasurable greatness of his power toward those who believe

-- according to his great might

-- that raised Christ from the dead

-- exalted him as Lord over all

-- head of the Church

-- the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He prayed for his friends at Colossae...

knowledge of God's will,

their holiness,

their fruitfulness of good works

their knowledge of God Himself

their strength in HIS great power (not their own)

their endurance

their patience

their joy

their gratitude

-- for their salvation

-- for their deliverance from darkness

-- for their citizenship in the Son's kingdom

by His redemption -- forgiveness of sin!

See a wide variety of prayers that are Christ-centered prayers for one another.

Ephesians 1:15–23; 3:14–21;

Philippians 1:9–11;

Colossians 1:9–14;

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13;

2 Thessalonians 1:13–14.

The great and ultimate Goal of our prayer should be that Christ is glorified.

John 14:13

*Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*