

Pray for Us

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Hebrews 13:18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

- I. When we pray for someone we are praying for something that will help them.
 - A. We are praying for some need they have – physical or spiritual.
 - 1. Deliverance from sickness, poverty, or affliction.
 - 2. Victory over some enemy of their soul, or earthly enemy.
 - B. We are asking God to work in their hearts to bring them to a higher plain – closer to Him.
 - C. We are praying for their protection from the wiles of the devil, and the influences of the world.
- II. God is pleased when we pray for others.
 - A. It shows that our heart is really concerned for them and this is evidence that we are fulfilling the law of God.
 - B. We won't pray for others unless we are really concerned for them.
 - C. We won't consistently pray for others unless we truly do love them.
 - D. God paid a very high price to obtain for us the privilege of prayer.

Beware of placing the emphasis on what prayer costs us; it cost God everything to make it possible for us to pray. – Oswald Chambers

- III. Others are encouraged to know that we are praying for them.
 - A. Nothing is such a blessing as knowing that someone is regularly, consistently, and fervently praying for us.
 - 1. Asking God to help us in our present struggle.
 - 2. Asking God to protect us in our endeavors, travels, etc.
 - 3. Asking God to
 - B. This knowledge gives us courage to go on when otherwise we would halt.
 - C. Knowing someone is praying for you to make it is sometimes just what we need to deliver us from temptation.
 - D. Knowing that someone is praying for us is just enough sometimes to pick us up out of the lowest valley – just to know there is someone who cares.

Every chain that spirits wear Crumbles in the breath of prayer. – JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

He prayeth best who loveth best All things both great and small. – SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE

- I cannot say “our” if religion has no room for others and their needs.
I cannot say “Father” if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.
I cannot say “who art in heaven” if all my interests and pursuits are on earthly things.
I cannot say “hallowed be thy name” if I, who am called by his name, am not holy.
I cannot say “thy kingdom come” if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.
I cannot say “thy will be done” if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say “in earth as it is in heaven” unless I am truly ready to give myself to his service here and now.

I cannot say “give us this day our daily bread” without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellowmen.

I cannot say “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say “lead us not into temptation” if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say “deliver us from evil” if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say “thine is the kingdom” if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say “thine is the power” if I fear what my neighbors may say or do.

I cannot say “thine is the glory” if I am seeking my own glory first.

I cannot say “forever” if I am too anxious about each day’s affairs.

I cannot say “amen” unless I honestly say, “Cost what it may, this is my prayer.”

If your knees are shaking, kneel on them.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? – CORRIE TEN BOOM

It is not that prayer changes God, or awakens in him purposes of love and compassion that he has not already felt. No, it changes us, and therein lies its glory and its purpose. – HANNAH HURNARD

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day. – ABRAHAM LINCOLN

If I could hear Christ praying for me in the next room, I would not fear a million enemies. Yet distance makes no difference. He is praying for me. – ROBERT MURRAY MCCHEYNE

Jesus Christ carries on intercession for us in heaven; the Holy Ghost carries on intercession in us on earth; and we the saints have to carry on intercession for all men. – OSWALD CHAMBERS