

SUMMER COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Summer 2024 "In All My Ways: Preparing for the coming of the Lord"

Key Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

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X. The Way of Prayer – With Others; What to Pray for....

A. Christ's Exhortation

1. For those that are demonized

a. Mt 17:21 "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

b. In this day, who might fit into this category today for whom we can pray?

2. To not enter into temptation

a. Mt 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

b. Mr 14:38 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

c. Lu 22:40 When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

d. Lu 22:46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

e. What might be a reason why we struggle with Temptation?

3. For Enemies and Persecutors

a. Mt 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

b. Early Church Example - Ac 7:60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

c. According to the following verses, **How can we pray for them?**

i. Ro 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

ii. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

iii. 1Co 4:12-14 And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.

iv. 1Pe 2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

v. *3:9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.*

4. *For Laborers in the work of God*

- a. *Mt 9:38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*
- b. *Lu 10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*
- c. ***For what and whom should we be praying?***

5. *Verse out of context*

- a. *Mt 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*
- b. *Consider - Mt 18:15-16 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'"*

B. *Example of the Early Church*

1. *While waiting on God's fulfillment of His promises*

- a. *Ac 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.*
- b. *Mr 13:33 "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is."*
- c. *1Pe 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*
- d. ***What Promises of God that we are looking forward to their fulfillment that we can be praying about while we wait?***

2. *For those in Prison*

- a. *Ac 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.*
- b. ***For whom should we be praying?***

C. *Exhortations for Prayer in the Epistles*

- 1. *For Israel - Ro 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.*
- 2. *For those in Ministry*
 - a. *With their spiritual struggles*

- i. *2Co 1:11 you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.*
 - ii. *Php 1:19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,*
 - iii. *1Th 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.*
 - iv. *Heb 13:18 Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.*
- b. *For their preaching*
- i. *Eph 6:19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,*
 - ii. *Col 4:3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,*
 - iii. *2Th 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you,*
 - iv. *If you didn't get anything out of the message, or if the preacher is boring, **where is the first place to look?***

3. For One Another

a. For their Spiritual Growth

- i. *Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*
- ii. *Php 1:3-5 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,*
- iii. *Php 1:9-10 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,*
- iv. *Col 1:3-4 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;*
- v. *1Th 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- vi. *2Th 1:11-12 Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

b. For Spiritual Struggles

- i. *With Sin - 1Jo 5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not*

leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

ii. With Conflict - Php 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

c. For Health

i. *Php 2:25-27 Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.*

ii. *Jas 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

D. A Promise to Remember

1. *Mt 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.*
2. *Mt 21:22 "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."*
3. *Mr 11:24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*
4. *1Jo 3:22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.*
5. *1Jo 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*