



Pray For One Another
Selected Scriptures
#3 in a series on the *One Another* Statements
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Theme: **Praying for one another is a great and gracious responsibility.**

God gives us this great and gracious responsibility.

1. Commands. (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; James 5:16)

2. Examples.

(Exodus 32:11-13, 30-32; Numbers 14:13-19; Deuteronomy 9:18-29; Luke 22:31-32; John 14:16-17; 17:9-26; Romans 8:33-34; 2 Corinthians 13:7-10; Ephesians 1:15-23; Philippians 1:4, 9-11; Colossians 1:9-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12; 2 Timothy 1:3-4; Philemon 1:4-6; Hebrews 7:25)

Examples of exercising this great and gracious responsibility.

1. Pray for spiritual growth and maturity.

(John 17:13; 2 Corinthians 13:7-10; Ephesians 1:18-23; Philippians 1:9-12; Colossians 1:9-14; 4:12; Philemon 1:6)

2. Pray for holy, godly lives.

(Luke 22:31-32; John 17:13-17; 2 Corinthians 13:7, 9; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Hebrews 13:18)

3. Pray for effective ministry.

(Ephesians 6:18-20; Colossians 4:2-4; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12; 3:1-2; Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:7-11)

4. Pray for safety and deliverance.

(Acts 12:3-19; 2 Corinthians 1:8-11; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3)

5. Pray for healing and health.

(James 5:13-18; 3 John 1:2; Exodus 15:26)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. One of the most important things we can do for other believers is to pray for them. One writer tells us that “it’s the greatest thing we can do!” It is a great and gracious responsibility. Review the Bible passages in the outline that give us God’s command to pray for each other. How much, how consistently do you pray for fellow believers?

Now review some of the verses about three examples in the Bible of people who prayed for others—Moses, Jesus and Paul. Remember, being like Christ includes praying for others.

Tuesday. How should we pray for other believers? On Sunday we looked at five things we can be praying for as starters. We should pray for others to grow in faith and live holy, godly lives. Review the verses listed for these two points. You can make a list of people in our church and write down prayer requests on Sundays to guide you praying.

Wednesday. Another major concern and prayer request for the apostle Paul was effective ministry. He counted all things as loss, wrote off everything in comparison with, in the pursuit of knowing and serving Christ. He also wanted and prayed for others to have effective ministry. Read the verses in the outline. You can pray those prayers of Paul for others. Pray as specifically as you can for their ministries.

Thursday. The common practice of praying for safety, protection, deliverance, healing and health is solidly based on the Bible’s statements and examples. God protects, delivers and heals and, although we cannot fathom how, He is delighted to do that work as His people pray. Keep on praying!

Friday – Saturday. Sunday we plan to look at *accepting one another*. Read Romans 15:5-7 to start thinking about this. Then expand to other statements about how we are to see ourselves and others as you prepare for our time together.