

Pastor's Corner: The Role of Prayer in Everyday Life

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Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through life, we often encounter moments when we tell someone, “I’ll be praying for you.” These words are meant to bring comfort, to express our care and concern. **But I want to take a moment to ask: Do we truly pray when we say these words? Do we lift that person up before God, or do we let the busyness of life push our promise aside?**

Prayer is a **powerful** gift we have been given—a direct line of communication with our Creator. It’s more than just a ritual or a task to check off our daily list. Prayer is an intimate conversation with God, where we can express our gratitude, seek guidance, and intercede on behalf of others. **It’s a moment where we step away from the noise of the world and step inside God’s presence.**

But how often do we truly take advantage of this gift? When we tell someone, “I’m praying for you,” do we immediately pause to say a prayer, or do we wait until later, sometimes forgetting altogether? How often do we take time to listen for God’s voice in the quiet moments of our day, seeking His wisdom and direction?

Jesus modeled a life of prayer, often retreating to solitary places to spend time with the Father. **His prayers were not just a series of requests, but an ongoing dialogue rooted in relationship and trust.** He prayed in times of joy and sorrow, in moments of triumph and trial. His life reminds us that prayer is not just about asking God for things but about aligning our hearts with His will.

I encourage you this month to examine your prayer life. Are you making space in your day to connect with God, to pour out your heart before Him? Are you following through on your promises to pray for others?

Commit to being a church that truly prays. When we say, “I’m praying for you,” let’s make it more than just words. Let’s take those moments to lift each other up, trusting that God hears and responds. And as we do, may we find our own lives enriched and our faith deepened.

In Christ's love,

+Pastor Ben