

Wyoming Baptist Church
April 2021

**Daily Devotional
for Sermon Series**



a study of the “one anothers” of Scripture

Week 9 : April 12-16

“Pray for one another”

The following series of daily readings, questions, and prayers has been designed by Pastor Tom Cullen to lead up to the

sermon for the coming week. There are five daily studies for each week. Allow about 15 minutes a day to complete each daily devotional. This is not to take the place of any devotional you may now be doing but only is a supplement.

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Sermon Schedule
Members of one another

April 18 - Pray for one another (James 5:16)

April 25 - Admonish one another (Matthew 18:15-17)

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Sermon Series Devotional Guide

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"Pray for one another"

This week we focus on the words of Scripture that call us to pray for one another, or the prayer of intercession. That is, the kind of prayer in which we stand in our minds eye between the person for whom we are concerned and God. We stand in the gap and we intercede for the person who may or may not be able to ask for him or herself.

It's been said that this kind of prayer is prayer at its highest - this in not to say that the other kinds of prayer, the prayer of adoration, of thanksgiving, or confession are of less value - that's not the point - it's that in the prayer of intercession we have truly joined with God in the saving of the world. Our heart is joined with the very heart of God when we fall on our knees in prayer for another.

And it is here in intercessory prayer that the real work of the Kingdom is done. Nothing can protect a person more. Nothing can grant the kingdom more success. Nothing can aid the progress of the Kingdom more than believers uniting and agreeing together in intercessory prayer.

As we begin the journey this week, thank God for the gift of prayer and ask him to bring to mind a person for whom you can pray.

Monday April 12

Read

❖ Genesis 18:16-33

Study

1. Having spent time with God (Genesis 18:1-15), Abraham turns to him in prayer. What is the motivation for your praying?

2. What words would you use to describe Abraham's prayer?

3. How could your prayer for others be helped by Abraham's example?

Pray

- ❖ Begin with a prayer of adoration for God's grace in answered prayer. Then take time to pray for another person in our congregation. Pray that God's blessings would be real to them today.

For our church:

- ❖ God promises to “*bless those who fear Him – small and great alike.*” (Psalm 115:13). Pray for those with special needs in our congregation. Ask God that his promise in Psalm 115:13 would be true for them.
- ❖ Pray for the parents in our congregation with special needs children. Ask that God’s promise would be realized in them, “*He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*” (Isaiah 40:29)

Tuesday April 13

Read

- ❖ 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Study

1. Paul highlights some theological truths that give us confidence in prayer. What are they? (verses 1-7)

2. For whom should we pray, and what should we pray for them? (Verses 1-4)

3. What is God’s desire according to verse 3?

4. How does verse 3 affect your prayers for others?

Reflect

- ❖ Dick Eastman writes, “Basically, intercession is prayer offered on behalf of another. When the prayer warrior intercedes he forgets his personal needs and focuses all his faith and prayer-attention on others.

To intercede is to mediate. It is to stand between a lost being and an almighty God, praying that this person will come to know about God and his salvation. As Edward Bauman explains in *Intercessory Prayer*, “When we pray for others we do not stand with outstretched hands hoping to receive something for ourselves. We stand at God’s side, working together with him, in the task of redeeming others ... True, our prayer does not save the sinner, but somehow it serves to prepare his heart for the moment word reaches him of Christ’s love. Search for a person who claims to have found Christ apart from someone else’s prayer, and your search may go on forever.”¹

Pray

Write out a prayer of intercession for another.

For our church:

- ❖ Pray for the people of Magnetewan. Pray that the “*God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know him better.*” (Ephesians 1:17)

Wednesday April 14

Read

- ❖ Philippians 4:4-7

Study

1. What truth in verse 5 should inform our actions mentioned in verse 6?

2. What, in verse 6, are we to be anxious about? What situations are we to bring to God in prayer? Does this characterize your prayer?

3. What does verse 7 say will be the result?

4. How have you experienced the truth of verse 7?

Pray

For our church:

- ❖ In Deuteronomy 28:8 the people of God are given this promise, *“The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to.”* Pray that this promise would be realized in the lives of those who on our pastoral search committee.

Thursday April 15

Reading

- ❖ Hebrews 4:14-16

Study

1. How does the text describe Jesus? (verses 14-15)

2. As a result of who Christ is, what privileges are ours? (verse 16)

3. Do you take advantage of this privilege?

Reflect

- ❖ Reflect on the following:

“God offers a challenge to you. Do you need to take Him up on it? Perhaps you need to come to another altar where you may “offer your body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – for this is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1). Give God what belongs to Him – yourself. You have been purchased by His blood. You are not doing Him a favour, you are just giving what is His. As you do, He will open the floodgate of heaven upon you, and you will always have enough of what you need. This is His challenge and His invitation.”²

Pray

For our church:

- ❖ As the Psalmist waited on God he had this experience of Him, “*He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.*” (Psalm 40:3). Pray for Linda who has become our deacon of worship. Pray that as she lives for God and serves him in this way, that many will put their trust in Him.

Friday April 16

Read

- ❖ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Study

1. Describe the blessings of friendship that this text highlights.

2. How do these blessings apply to the spiritual life?

3. Describe how the prayers of another have helped you through a difficult situation?

Reflect

❖ What kind of changes do you think need to be made in your life so that you can give be a friend as described in this text?

Pray

For our church:

❖ Pray for the pregnancy support center. As they carry on this vital ministry may young moms know that life is precious and to be protected. Pray that the ministry of the center will be used mightily by God for his glory.

1. Dick Eastman, *The Hour that Changes the World*, (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1978) 76.
2. Charles Price, *Alive in Christ* (Grand Rapids Michigan: Kregel Publications, 1995), 104.

