

Praying for Others

When is the last time you prayed for someone else? What did you pray for them? Most of us have said prayers for their health; we have a prayer list to remind us of that important Christian duty. But we do not want to forget to pray for their spiritual well being as well. Perhaps even more important! We pray for the lost, that is good as well....but do we pray for our brothers and sisters as well?

When we pray for others, does the Bible give us a pattern or example?

7 Things we Need to Pray for Other Christians: (Study of Col 1:1-11)

Colosse, 100 miles E of Ephesus, Congregation established by Epaphras

City of many Jews, fled there from persecution.

1. Be Thankful for their faith & The Change in their lives.

Vs. 1-3 Are we jealous? Do we truly rejoice? Story of the prodigal son.

The angels rejoice! Yet many times we push selves to say Hi!

2. Ask God to help them know what he wants them to do.

Vs4-9 How often do you hear or say, What does God want from me?

3. Ask God to give them a deeper spiritual understanding.

Vs. 9 Too many Christians remain at the shallow end of the pool

4. Ask God to help them to Live for Him.

Vs. 10 It is not easy to live for Jesus, we need all the help we can get. Espec.

if we see a fault or problem, always wise to pray first.

5. Ask God to share the knowledge of Himself.

Vs. 10 We must learn more of God , so we can learn more of His divine

nature. Takes time and effort to learn...then WORK..practice it!

6. Ask God for strength & Endurance for them.

Vs. 11 The parable of the seeds, landed on several soils, some rocky,

sandy, thorny, good.... Sun is hot, Devil applies the heat

7. Ask the Lord to fill them with joy, strength, & thankfulness.

Vs. 11 We need to gather these things from relationship with God not from things of this earth.