

_____ for _____ and I'll _____ for _____
James 5:16-18; Selected Scriptures
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1. You must _____ how to _____ for each _____ (v. 16a)

James 5:16 (ESV) - Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another,

Pray – εὐχομαι; **Transliteration:** euchomai.

One another - ἀλλήλων; **Transliteration:** allēlōn.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV) - First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2. You need to realize your _____ for _____ can make a _____ in their life. (v. 16c – 18)

James 5:16-18 (ESV) - Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Prayer – δέησις; **Transliteration:** deēsis.

A. Pray _____ others.

B. Pray _____ others.

Righteous – δίκαιος; **Transliteration:** dikaios.

Power – ἰσχύω; **Transliteration:** ischyō.

Nature (passion) – ὁμοιοπαθής; **Transliteration:** homoiopathēs.

Prayed earnestly (fervently) – προσευχή; **Transliteration:** proseuchē.

Proverbs 15:29 (ESV) - The LORD is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV) - praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

3. You must _____ praying for each _____.

Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV) - In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- A. Pray for the _____ provision of others.
- B. Pray for others to be _____ for their sins.
- C. Pray for others to be _____ from _____.
- D. Pray for others to be _____ from _____.

1 Kings 13:6 (ESV) - And the king said to the man of God, “Entreat now the favor of the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.” And the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored to him and became as it was before.

Questions to Consider

1. What are some situations in life when most people pray?
2. Is prayer important? Explain
3. What is the effect of a righteous person’s prayers? (5:16)
4. How can Elijah’s example of prayer encourage you to pray? (5:17-18)

5. How can you use prayer to help or encourage someone else?
6. How can offering to pray for someone disarm him or her or change his or her attitude?
7. What keeps you from praying with confidence?
8. What keeps you from praying for each other?
9. What situation or person will you pray for this week?
10. What personal needs can you ask someone to pray for you about during the coming week? Whom will you ask?