



prayer

The Bible tells us for whom we ought to pray and gives us great examples of ways to pray for others.

1. The Lost – for salvation

“1 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.” -Romans 10:1

2. Other Believers (The Church)

Paul's prayer over the church at Ephesus: “14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

-Ephsians 3:14-21

3. Local, State, and National Leaders

“1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people-
- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,”

-1 Timothy 2:1-3

Local: City of Crestview: Mayor JB Whitten, City Manager Tim Bolduc, Council members Joe Blocker, Andrew Rencich, Cynthia Brown, Doug Capps, Ryan Bullard, and City Leaders

Okaloosa County: County Commissioners Trey Goodwin, Paul Mixon, Carolyn Ketchel, Nathan Boyles, and Mel Ponder and County Leaders

State: Governor Ron DeSantis and Florida State Leaders and Legislature

National: President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris and National Leaders and Legislature

4. Spiritual Leaders and Teachers

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,” -Ephesians 6:18-19

5. Your Enemies and those who persecute you

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?”

-Matthew 5:44-47

“21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.”

-Proverbs 25:21

6. Those Who Are Sick

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

-James 5:14-15

7. Yourself

“7 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

-Matthew 7:7-11

“6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”-Philippians 4:6-7

“22 Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.”

-Pslams 55:22

8. Everyone

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-1 Timothy 2:1