

The Vision—November 2020 Newsletter

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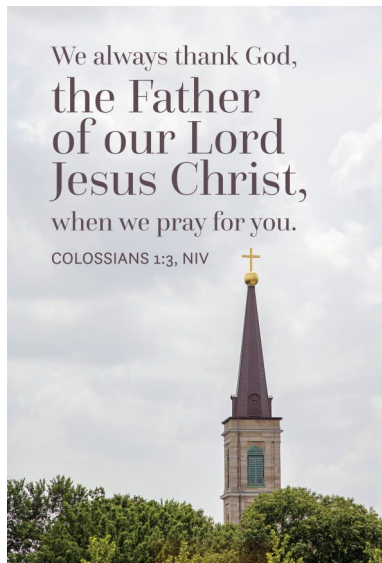
Praying For You!

By Jen Price

Along with encouragement, fellowship, communion and worship, prayer is a major component of our relationship to one another as fellow followers of Jesus. You often hear someone say or write in an email/card/text: "I am praying for you". Five simple words that when combined with coming before the throne of grace to pray to our Faithful, Loving Father have such great impact to strengthen, encourage, build up and offer hope through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. Why do we pray for one another and for what should we pray?

The answer to that first question is an easy one. . . God's Word tells us to pray for one another! James 5:16 says, "...pray for each other..." Ephesians 6:18 reads, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Paul states in 2 Timothy 2:1, "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone." We are told to pray for everyone and also make requests, intercession and thanksgiving. How are those any different than praying for someone? The Greek word requests is also the word entreaties which means "praying for a specific, felt need... heart-felt petition, arising out of deep personal need."* When asked how one might pray for you and your response is a personal, heart-felt need that is a request or entreaty. If I know you are worried about a grandchild that does not know the Lord or you are dealing with a tough situation at work that seems to have an impossible end, I pray that God grants wisdom and direction in that specific deep, personal need. Sometimes our deep needs include physical or emotional healing, spiritual wisdom to make a decision that will honor God, a strengthening of faith, a reminder of our hope in Christ, among other needs.



Intercession is "properly, intervention, an inter-section led by God, marking intersection between heaven and earth as it reflects the Lord's specific will." When we intercede for one another we are seeking the Lord's will that we will follow His leading. When making decisions we can intercede for each other that God will provide wisdom and direction so that we align ourselves with God's will. When you are up against a decision such as which college to go to or should we take that job offer in another state or how can I best share God's truth with my neighbor, we intercede for one another as we intersect our conversation with God and wait for His will to be revealed.

In Paul's letter to the churches, we see Him thanking God for fellow believers as we read in Romans 1:8-10, 1 Corinthians 1:4, Ephesians 1:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:13 and 2 Timothy 1:3. Paul sets an example for us in thanking God for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank God for the grace and faith we share in Christ. We thank God for the work we see Him doing in us. We thank God for the word of truth we see in one another. I thank God for you. I thank God for the love, support, friendship that encourages and build me up as we follow Christ together!

We pray for one another. We petition God, we ask in faith, we make requests on behalf of one another's needs. What a joy to be united in prayer with each other. Our unity and hope is found in God who hears us and responds according to His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Not sure what to pray for someone? Look up these prayers and use them as examples or models for our prayers for others: Ephesians 1:15-23; Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 1:3-6 Colossians 1:9-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12; Philemon 1:4-7.

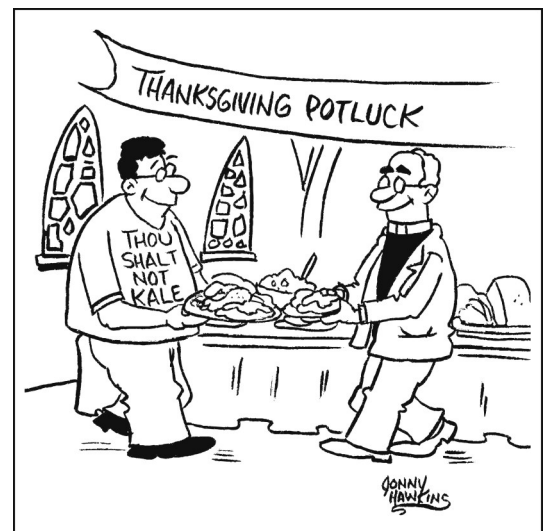
And remember, I am praying for you!

*all word definitions come from the Strong's Greek Concordance as found on biblos.com



3 Jerry Bratton	11 Tom Harris	21 Destiny Needles
3 Janet Zarley	11 Rephard Reed	24 Roger Hewett
4 Glen Alexander	12 Danielle Edmister	26 Connie Tuggle
6 Kim Dew	16 Tara Vincken	26 Katie Debolt
7 Gary Edwards	16 Rachel Bean	27 Carolyn Bratton
8 Dan Hamilton	19 Beth Austin	28 Glennie Ullom
9 Irene Gordon	21 Amy Skaggs	30 Kenneth Davenport
10 Sharon Clayton	21 Tristen Vincken	30 Ryan Debolt

If we do not have your birthday please contact the church office!



November Serving Schedule—Children’s Church

01: Traci Laslo, Karen Hamilton, Linda King, Tara and Josh Vincken & Andy Bean
 08: Traci Laslo, Betsy Bringardner, Kora Garee, Keith and Cameo Quick
 15: Traci Laslo, Patty Hartley, Jen Hupp, Dave and Lori Smith
 22: Traci Laslo, Kelly Hewett, Brittany Mabbitt, Riley Nichols, Reagan Ashbrook & Glen Alexander
 29 : Families together for church service






November Serving Schedule

Scripture Readers: Communion Meditation:
 01: Karl Barkschat 01: Tom Harley
 08: Sherie Judy 08: Ed Jaeger
 15: Lori Hebert 15: Randy Nauman
 22: Joy Dunno 22: Roy Shields
 29: Delany Bean 29: Karl Barkschat
 Communion Preparation: Jamey and Jen Price



November 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6:30pm Serving Our Savior Bible Study 7:30pm prayer time for our nation	3  ELECTION DAY	4 Noon—LOL Bible Study 6:30p-7:30p Wed. Night Live	5	6	7
8 5:30pm HS/MS Girl's Bible Study 6:30pm Veteran's Dinner	9 6:30pm Serving Our Savior Bible Study 7pm Elders/Deacons Mtg.	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY Noon—LOL Bible Study 6:30p-7:30p Wed. Night Live	12	13	14
15 Thanksgiving Feast 5:30pm HS/MS Girl's Bible Study 6:30pm-7:30pm Youth Group	16 6:30pm Serving Our Savior Bible Study	17	18 Noon—LOL Bible Study 6:30p-7:30p Wed. Night Live	19	20	21
22 Shoeboxes are due!! 5:30pm HS/MS Girl's Bible Study 6:30pm-7:30pm Youth Group	23 6:30pm Serving Our Savior Bible Study	24	25	26  HAPPY Thanksgiving DAY	27	28
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Every Sunday: 10am Church Service at the building
 Every Sunday: 10am Service on Facebook Live
 Every Monday: 10am Food Pantry

