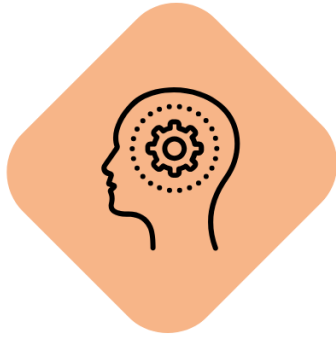


7 Essentials in Praying for Each Other



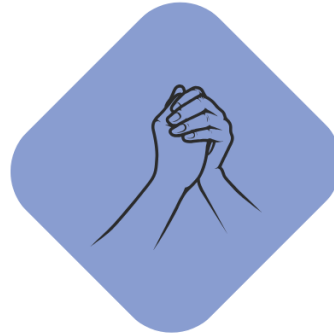
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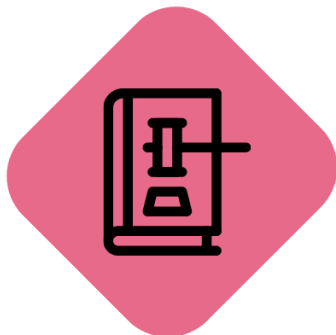
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What might happen if we at Shelbyville Community Church (SCC) emphasized praying for one another? Would we develop stronger bonds? Would we experience increased compassion? Would we become more perceptive to God's work in each other's lives? The answer is "yes" to this and so much more! By talking with God on behalf of each other, we grow deeper in our love – something Jesus not only emphasized, but commanded.

You have received the name(s) and an email address for the person/family you'll pray for throughout the year. We encourage you to reach out to them regularly to let them know how you're praying for them. Give them the opportunity to share any specific requests or additional information, but only as much as they choose to reveal to you. Even if you know only their names, you can pray in very specific ways. This booklet will help.

Using a framework from the Pray for Me Campaign, this booklet provides 7 prayer topics – one for every day of the week. Each topic has a description, a scripture, and a suggested prayer. You may find additional prayer resources online at insidescc.org/prayer-partner. We hope that you will use these tools to develop and deepen your prayers – to apply what God lays on your heart to pray for your partner(s).

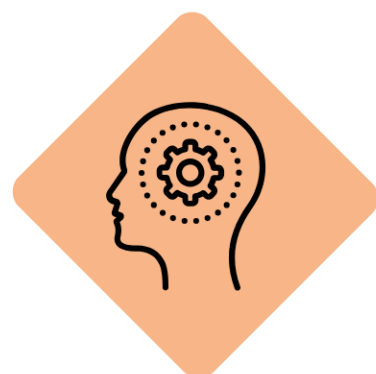
Finally, we have provided a place for everyone to share stories of their journey throughout this campaign. Whether you are the giver or receiver of prayers, we would love to hear how God is working in your lives. You may share your stories at insidescc.org/prayer-stories.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Lee (Lee@shelbychurch.org) or Pastor Angeline (Angeline@shelbychurch.org). Thank you for being a Prayer Champion for your brothers and sisters at SCC!

As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. Thank God for this gift, too wonderful for words!

2 Corinthians 9:13-15

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Wisdom

Pray that we would have the wisdom to make godly decisions (Proverbs 1:4)

The family we are praying for are making decisions every day that will affect the rest of their lives. It is our desire that God would use our prayers to enhance their wisdom in order to make good decisions - and to reduce their regrets when they don't. As we pray for their relationships with Jesus to deepen, we are also addressing their need for greater and greater wisdom.

*for gaining wisdom and instruction;
for understanding words of insight;
for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,
doing what is right and just and fair;
for giving prudence to those who are simple,
knowledge and discretion to the young—
let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—*

Proverbs 1:2-5

Father, it is so easy for days and years to pass by before we realize they are gone. I pray for the _____ family, that you would help them realize how precious each moment is. Teach them to savor each day as a gift from you and help them to live each day with purposeful intentionality. Help them to realize that they should always seek to follow you faithfully. Remind them that it is living for you that their lives become most fulfilling. For your glory and their good, in Jesus' name, amen.



Favor

Pray that we recognize God's favor - His work - in our lives (Colossians 1:15-17)

Favor is the foundation. Foundations are easily forgotten and yet they are indispensable. Often times we forget that God's favor is the foundation in our lives. It is a strong and secure foundation, but in this world that values self-reliance, it is easy to forget that we are completely dependent on him. Think of God's favor as anything he does in, through, or for you. We can see the favor of God in his provision, protection, presence, and purposes. What does a family need to recognize God's favor in our lives? They need eyes to see, ears to hear, and humble hearts to understand and embrace the favor of God. Will you pray for the family as they develop a posture of humility so that they might see the favor of God in their lives.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-17

Father, you are great and worthy to be praised, I pray that the _____ family would know and embrace your favor and never stop growing in wonder and amazement of your greatness. Awaken their hearts and minds to comprehend that all goodness flows from your hand. When they look in the mirror, cause them to know that they are yours. Create in them a relentless reliance on you and your provisions of favor in all of life. For your glory and their good, in the sovereign name of Jesus, amen.



Speech

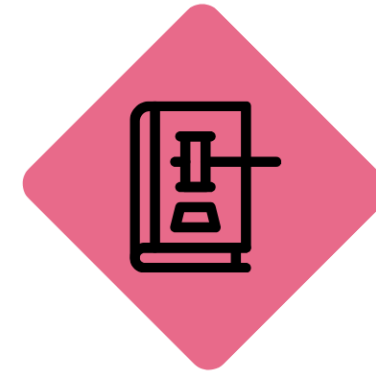
Pray that our speech would glorify God
(1 Timothy 4:12)

It is in our speech that we “go public” with who we are, or at least who we want people to think we are. Our wisdom, love, faith, and purity are forged on the inside and then expressed on the outside in what we say. This is where the rubber meets the road. The goal is for what we say to accurately reflect who we are on the inside. It is through what we say that we offer the world a clear or hazy picture of God. As we pray for them, pray that they would see how their speech is telling about the spiritual condition of their heart. Pray that their speech would be in sync with the Holy Spirit, and that they would listen to him.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Father, I praise you today. Help the _____ family to use their words to give you thanks for all you are and all you do. Give them understanding of your great love for them each morning. May their words declare your steadfast love. Grant them the ability to recognize your faithfulness throughout each day, using their speech to give thank and praise. For your glory and their good, in Jesus' name, amen.



Conduct

Pray that we would walk in step with the Spirit
(Galatians 5:25)

It is in our conduct that we “go public” with who we are, or at least who we want people to think we are. Our wisdom, love, faith, and purity are forged on the inside and then expressed on the outside in what we do. This is where the rubber meets the road. The goal is for what we do to accurately reflect who we are on the inside. It is through what we do that we offer the world a clear or hazy picture of God. As we pray for them, pray that they would see how their conduct is telling about the spiritual condition of their heart. Pray that their conduct would be in sync with the Holy Spirit, and that they would listen to him.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

Father, you have told us what is good and what you require of us. I pray that the _____ family would take your commands to heart and pursue them with reckless abandon. As they seek to live the way you're calling them to live, empower them to do it humbly before you and humans. Allow them to be people of your Word, so they know what it looks like to live the way you call us to. For your glory and their good, in Jesus' name, amen.



Love

Pray that we would be transformed by God's love (Ephesians 3:18-19)

God is love. Love for God and others is the crux on which all the law and prophets hang. Love is what transforms us. As we pray for them, pray that their love for God and others will deepen, and that it will show in their daily lives.

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, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:18-19

Father, thank you for loving us so much that you gave up your only Son. It staggers us to think that you loved us when we had nothing to offer. We are sinners, rebelling against all of your goodness and majesty. Cause the _____ family to be captured by the depth and sweetness of your sacrificial love. Let it soak deep into their hearts. Cause it to empower them to live sacrificial, loving lives. For your glory and their good, in Jesus' name, amen.



Faith

Pray that we would grow in faith (Hebrews 11:6)

Faith is the gift of God's favor that makes salvation possible. Faith is absolutely necessary in pleasing God. As we pray for them, pray that their faith will deepen as they learn to trust God and walk with him. Pray that their faith will make an impact with those they come in contact with on a daily basis.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Father, life is often complex and confusing. We thank you for your promises that provide hope and clarity in the midst of life's complexity. I pray that the _____ family would place their trust in you, surrendering every aspect of their lives to you, believing that you love them. Empower them to fight the urge to trust in their own understanding more than they rely on you and your guidance. Cause them to look to you in all their ways. For your glory and their good, in Jesus' name, amen.



Purity

Pray that we would have pure hearts
(Matthew 5:8)

Blessing and favor of God follow the pure heart. As we pray for them, pray that God would work in and through them. That their minds, hearts, and motives would be pure in God's eyes. Pray for them as they seek purity and that in that seeking God would use them to impact the lives around them.

*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

Matthew 5:8

Father, in a world that disregards purity, help us have a wholehearted pursuit of you and your Word. I pray that the _____ family would taste the sweetness of Scripture and desire it with their whole hearts. Help them to believe your Word is the Sword of the Spirit that can lead, guide, and empower them to pursue purity in every decision. Give them the desire and will to hide your Word in their hearts that they might not sin against you. For your glory and their good, in Jesus' name, amen.

If you'd like to learn more about praying for others, head to

<https://www.leadertreks.org/pray-for-me/>

This is the resource that drove this opportunity for our church, and was used to help create the tools.