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# DON'T QUIT PRAYING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

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**16 Rejoice always,  
17 pray continually,  
18 give thanks in all  
circumstances; for  
this is God's will for  
you in Christ Jesus.**

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*





**“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”**

**-Matthew 6:6**

*Secret Place*

**“that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God”**

**-Colossians 1:10**

*Secret Place*





**Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”**

**-Galatians 4:6**

*Indwelt by the Holy Spirit*

**And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people.**

**-Revelations 5:8**

*Prayer is Not for Emergency Use*





**“You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.”**

**-James 4:2**

*Prayer is Not for Emergency Use*



**“Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy  
choice food and sweet drinks,  
and send some to those who  
have nothing prepared. This day  
is holy to our Lord. Do not  
grieve, for the joy of the Lord is  
your strength.”**

**-Nehemiah 8:10**

*Prayer Brings Joy*







**“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”**

**-Deuteronomy 31:6**

*Prayer Brings Joy*



**“For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.”**

**-Psalm 30:5**

*Prayer Brings Joy*

**“Rejoice evermore.”**

**-1 Thessalonians 5:16**

**“You make known to me the path of  
life; in your presence there is fullness  
of joy; at your right hand  
are pleasures forevermore.**

**-Psalm 16:11**

*Prayer Brings Joy*





**“In the midst of my anxieties  
within me, Your comforts  
delight in my soul.”**

**-Psalm 94:19**

*Prayer Brings Peace*



**“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**  
**-1 Thessalonians 5:23**

*Prayer Brings Peace*



**“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

**-Philippians 4:7**

*Prayer Brings Peace*

**The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.**

*Samuel Chadwick*





**“Cast all your anxiety on  
him because he cares for you.”**

**-1 Peter 5:7**

**“Indeed, the very hairs of your  
head are all numbered.**

**Don't be afraid; you are worth  
more than many sparrows**

**-Luke 12:7**



# Praying for others - intercessory prayer



14 "And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else."

**-1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-15**

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12 "Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

13 I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis."

**-COLOSSIANS 4:12-13**

# Praying for others - intercessory prayer

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

-JAMES 5:16b



# **Praying for others - intercessory prayer**

**“If I had not confessed the  
sin in my heart, the Lord  
would not have listened.”**

**-PSALM 66:18**



# Praying for others - intercessory prayer

“I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one.”

-EZEKIEL 22:30



# Praying for others - intercessory prayer



2 Abraham said about his wife Sarah, “She is my sister.” So Abimelech king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her for his wife.

3 But that night God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him, “You are a dead man, for that woman you have taken is already married!”

**-GENESIS 20:2-3**

# Praying for others - intercessory prayer



17 “Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants, so they could have children.

18 For the Lord had caused all the women to be infertile because of what happened with Abraham’s wife, Sarah.”

**-GENESIS 20:17-18**

# Praying for others - intercessory prayer



7 "After the Lord had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.

8 So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves.  
-JOB 42:7-9



# Praying for others - intercessory prayer



My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.”

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.”

**-JOB 42:7-9**

# Praying for others - intercessory prayer

“The people all said to Samuel,  
“Pray to the Lord your God for  
your servants so that we will not  
die, for we have added to all our  
other sins the evil of asking for a  
king.”

**-1 SAMUEL 12:19**



# Praying for others - intercessory prayer

20 “Do not be afraid,” Samuel replied. “You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart.

21 Do not turn away after useless idols.

-1 SAMUEL 12:20-22



# Praying for others - intercessory prayer

They can do you no good, nor can they rescue you, because they are useless.

22 For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.

-1 SAMUEL 12:20-22



# Prayer brings surprises from God

- When Isaac prayed for his wife to conceive, God surprised him by giving him twins (Genesis 25:21)
- When Hannah prayed for a son, God surprised her by giving her one who became one of the greatest prophets of Israel (1 Samuel 1:10-11)



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- When Cornelius prayed, God surprised him by sending the apostle Peter to his home and giving the Holy Spirit to every member of his household (Acts 10)
- When the disciples prayed for Peter's release from prison, God surprised them by bringing Peter right to their doorstep (Acts 12:12-16)



# Prayer brings surprises from God

- Remember how Jacob wrestled with God at Peniel and refused to let Him go (Genesis 32:24-28)





# Pray with us

For “whoever calls on  
the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13





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