

James 5:13-20





Is anyone among you suffering? Let him **pray**. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing **praise**. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them **pray** over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the **prayer** of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

JAMES 5:13-20 esv



Is prayer your first response?



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JAMES 5: 14-15 esv

"God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything He knows."

- Tim Keller

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"Mutual confession" much power in confessing our sins to each other & praying for each other

Our human nature is independence.

The Gospel calls us to dependence.

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JAMES 5:17-18 esv

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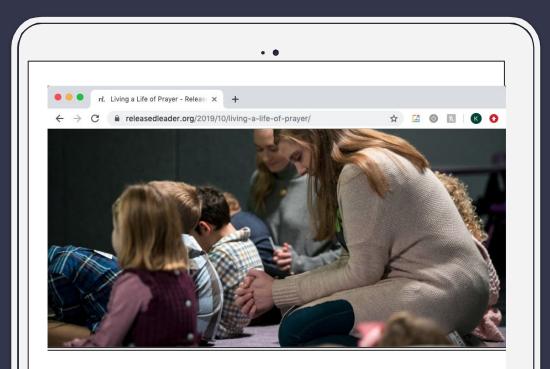
JAMES 5:19-20 esv

Is He your first response?



COMMUNITY APPLICATION Confess and pray for each other on a regular basis.

PERSONAL APPLICATION Make prayer your default response. Form the habit. We practiced it today; continue on.



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Living a Life of Prayer is to Live a Praying Life

by Ed Parrish

Rejoice always, Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV)

Prayer is the lifeblood of the Christian believer. Without it you lose out on the joy of sharing your heart with the greatest Friend you could ever have. Through prayer, you acquire a loving and lasting relationship with a "friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24 NIV). Drilling down deep in prayer is how life change happens. It is here where you ravish and experience the mighty yet small, still voice of God speaking clearly into your heart, spirit, and soul with life fulfilling purpose.

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Prayer, Praise & Confession

Adoration - glorifying God Thanksgiving - for His blessings Supplication - request for change

- Confession of sin to God and one another



- Corrie Ten Boom

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

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