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**Bible Study**

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**Positives from Praying for Other Believers**  
**Acts 12:5-12**

I Samuel 12:23 reads, “As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right.” (NIV) This verse records what an Old Testament leader had to say about prayer in his farewell speech to the Nation of Israel. Throughout the Bible there many passages that show intercession being made by others for children of God. All Christians should desire to be close to saints that believe in prayer fully and practice it diligently. This lesson is designed to examine an episode in the life of the church at Jerusalem to point out positives of praying for other believers.

**Breakdown of Acts Chapter 12-1-17**

1.	The _____	against the Church	<b>Verses 1-4</b>
2.	The _____	by the Church	<b>Verse 5</b>
3.	The _____	for the Church	<b>Verses 6-17</b>

1. Praying for other believers can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

**Verse 6**

*“The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate.” (NLT)*

2. Praying for other believers can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

**Verse 7a**

*“Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell...” (NLT)*

3. Praying for other believers can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

**Verse 7b**

*“...And an angel of the Lord stood before Peter...” (NLT)*

(Over)

4. Praying for other believers can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

## Verses 7c-9

*“...The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, “Quick! Get up!” And the chains fell off his wrists. 8) Then the angel told him, “Get dressed and put on your sandals.” And he did. “Now put on your coat and follow me,” the angel ordered. 9) So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn’t realize it was actually happening.” (NLT)*

5. Praying for other believers can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

## **Verses 11, 12, 16, 17**

*“Peter finally came to his senses. “It’s really true!” he said. “The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!” 12) When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. 16) Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed. 17) He motioned for them to quiet down and told them how the Lord had led him out of prison. “Tell James and the other brothers what happened,” he said. And then he went to another place.” (NLT)*

## NOTES

