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Bible Study

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“Improving Your Personal Prayer Life” Part 4

I. Positives of Prayer

Listed below are different people in the Bible who benefited from others praying for them.

1. **Political** _____ **Leaders** _____ benefited from the prayer of other people.

Genesis 20:1-2, 17

*“Abraham moved south to the Negev and lived for a while between Kadesh and Shur, and then he moved on to Gerar. While living there as a foreigner,
2) Abraham introduced his wife, Sarah, by saying, “She is my sister.” So, King Abimelech of Gerar sent for Sarah and had her brought to him at his palace.
17) Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants, so they could have children.” (NLT)*

2. **Family** _____ **Members** _____ benefited from the prayers of other people.

Genesis 25:21

“Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.” (NIV)

3. **Young** _____ **Children** _____ benefited from the prayers of other people.

2 Kings 4:33-36

“Elisha entered the room and shut the door, so only he and the boy were in the room. Then he prayed to the Lord. 34) He went to the bed and lay on the boy, putting his mouth on the boy’s mouth, his eyes on the boy’s eyes, and his hands on the boy’s hands. He stretched himself out on top of the boy. Soon the boy’s skin became warm.35) Elisha turned away and walked around the room. Then he went back and put himself on the boy again. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. 36) Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite!” So he did. When she came, Elisha said, “Pick up your son.” (NCV)

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4. **Church** _____ **Parishioners** _____ benefited from the prayers of other people.

Acts 12:5-7

“All the time that Peter was under heavy guard in the jailhouse, the church prayed for him most strenuously. 6) Then the time came for Herod to bring him out for the kill. That night, even though shackled to two soldiers, one on either side, Peter slept like a baby. And there were guards at the door keeping their eyes on the place. Herod was taking no chances! 7) Suddenly there was an angel at his side and light flooding the room. The angel shook Peter and got him up: “Hurry!” The handcuffs fell off his wrists.” (MSG)

5. **Prison** _____ **Inmates** _____ benefited from the prayers of other people.

Acts 16:25-26

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God as the other prisoners listened. 26) Suddenly, there was a strong earthquake that shook the foundation of the jail. Then all the doors of the jail broke open, and all the prisoners were freed from their chains.” (NCV)

II. Varieties of Prayer

Listed below are diverse ways for believers to pray for others and themselves.

1. **Name Praying** _____ - Sitting quietly before God and praying for the people God brings to your mind.

Philippians 1:2-3

“I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace! 3) Every time I think of you, I thank my God.” (CEV)

2. **Prayer Closet** _____ - Finding a place in your house that is quiet and praying from there.

Matthew 6:6

“When you pray, you should go into your room and close the door and pray to your Father who cannot be seen. Your Father can see what is done in secret, and he will reward you.” (NCV)

3. **Prayer Journal** _____ - Writing your prayers down in a notebook and keeping track of God’s answers.

Exodus 17:14

“After the victory, the Lord instructed Moses, “Write this down on a scroll as a permanent reminder and read it aloud to Joshua: I will erase the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” (NLT)

4. **Family Prayer** _____ - Establishing a set time to pray with or for your relatives.

Acts 10:1-2

“At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2) He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.” (NIV)

5. **Prayer Partner** _____ - Creating a consistent time to pray with another person.

James 5:16

“Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.” (LB)

III. Activities regarding Prayer

Please trace your hand on the space below and be prepared to write your answers in the appropriate area.

1. **Thumb** – Represents praying for those **CLOSEST** _____ to you.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

2. **Index Finger** – Represents praying for those **POINTING** _____ you in the right direction.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

3. **Middle Finger** – Represents praying for those who provide **LEADERSHIP** _____ for you.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

4. **Ring Finger** – Represents praying for those who are **WEAK** _____ .

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

5. **Pinky Finger** – Represents praying for **YOURSELF** _____ .

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

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