

# Important issues that need to be addressed when praying!

So the Holy Spirit has led me to teach you today. On the ways that he has taught me how to pray. Let's be clear, there isn't a wrong way to pray. But there are some things that we as the church the body of Christ have not been praying for as much as we should. And these issues are overlooked by a lot of us including me as well. These other issues that we should be praying for and about are usually overlooked. Because each of us have our own wants and desires, our own needs and battles that we face and have overcome. So we tend to lack in other important issues. Like the struggles of others, their wants and desires along with their needs and battles. Were called to agree with each other for these reasons. So none of us believers are lacking. Also we could be praying for more ways to appeal to the unsaved. And praying more against the things that would hinder us from reaching them. A simple prayer to soften the hearts and minds of the unsaved and saved will accomplish a lot. Pray that when the unsaved person's time comes to make the decision to come to Christ that they hear Father God's call and don't turn away from it. Also pray for your fellow followers of Christ that they listen to the Holy Spirit's conviction when they do sin and that they would be quick to repent of that sin. These are the issues the Holy Spirit has brought to my attention and wants me to share with you. So at this time let's dive into the word and see what it tells us to do. The first place we will be looking at is Philippians 2:1-5 to show that we are supposed to be caring more for others than ourselves like Christ did when he was among us.

**Imitate Christ and how he cared for others.  
(CEB Translation)**

**Philippians 2:1-5**

- 1. Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy,**
- 2. complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other.**
- 3. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves.**
- 4. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.**
- 5. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:**

**Christ was our example on how to live; he taught us to care more for others than ourselves. And be spreaders of the good news help in every way that were able as he did. That's why it's important that we pray for our fellow christians but also the unsaved that we are all called to reach. And a simple prayer praying to soften all the unsaved and saved hearts and minds of the people helps with that. Putting their well being before our own. And praying against the stronghold erected against the saved and unsaved helps with their deliverance and maturing in the faith. Let's look at some more scripture on how to soften their hearts and minds in Ezekiel 36:26 and Romans 12:2 and tearing down the stronghold 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.**

## Softening of the heart.

### Ezekiel 36:26

**26. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one.**

## Softening of the mind.

### Romans 12:2

**2. Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.**

## Tearing down the strongholds affecting others lives

### 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

**3. Although we live in the world, we don't fight our battles with human methods.**

**4. Our weapons that we fight with aren't human, but instead they are powered by God for the destruction of fortresses. They destroy arguments,**

**5. and every defense that is raised up to oppose the knowledge of God. They capture every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

**Agreeing with your fellow brother or sister in Christ is what I want to cover next. We are told to do so and I believe if the brother and sister are acting in the will of God the Father then we are supposed to put our agreements together. We are one church, one body of Christ. And it is a struggle together with one another to endure to the end. And agreeing on the prayer will allow it to be accomplished and that**

**Jesus Christ is there among you overseeing that it is done. And reassurement that what is being asked in Jesus Christ's name will be done. Let's work for all the good of non-believers and believers. So let's look at scripture on agreeing with your brothers and sisters. In 1 Corinthians 1:10 then Romans 15:5-6 then 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 then we will go to Philippians 1:27 then also Matthew 18:19-20 also John 14:14 then Galatians 6:9-10**

## **Agreeing with others**

### **1 Corinthians 1:10**

**10. Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose.**

### **Romans 15:5-6**

**5. May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude.**

**6. That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice.**

## **We are one body of Christ although we are many but one**

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

**12. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.**

**13. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

**14. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.**

**15. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.**

16. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.
17. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?
18. But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.
19. If all were a single member, where would the body be?
20. As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.
21. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”
22. On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,
23. and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,
24. which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,
25. that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.
26. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.
27. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**We struggle together united.**

**Philippians 1:27**

**27. Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ’s gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I’m absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel**

**When 2 or more are gathered he is with them**

**Matthew 18:19-20**

**19 Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you.  
20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."**

### **Asking in his name shall be done**

**John 14:14**

**14 When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.**

### **Working towards the good of all**

**Galatians 6:9-10**

**9. Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up.  
10. So then, let's work for the good of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith.**

**Lastly we should be praying that all the unsaved would hear the call of Father God. Pray that they would make their decision unhindered by the world or the enemies tactics. Also pray that your fellow brothers and sisters would listen to the Holy spirit convicting them of new sins in their lives they may commit. And let both the saved and unsaved respond to the call and not turn away from it. Let's gather scripture on this as well first is John 6:44 then John 16:7-9 and then Hebrews 3:7-8.**

### **Listen to Father God's call he brings the unsaved to Christ**

**John 6:44**

**44. No one can come to me unless they are drawn to me by the Father who sent me, and I will raise them up at the last day.**

### **Listen to the Holy Spirit believers when you sin and repent**

**John 16:7-9**

**7. I assure you that it is better for you that I go away. If I don't go away, the Companion won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.**

**8. When he comes, he will show the world it was wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment.**

**9. He will show the world it was wrong about sin because they don't believe in me.**

### **Listen to the call respond to his call**

**Hebrews 3:7-11**

**7. So, as the Holy Spirit says,**

**8. *don't have stubborn hearts, as they did in the rebellion, on the day when they tested me in the desert.***

**9. *That is where your ancestors challenged and tested me, though they had seen my work for forty years.***

**10 *So I was angry with them. I said, "Their hearts always go off course, and they don't know my ways."***

**11. *Because of my anger I swore: "They will never enter my rest!"***

**So with all that has been said I'm not telling you to change how you pray. But to add these other ways into your everyday prayers. So that more can be achieved through prayers as it was intended. And to help win the unsaved people for the kingdom of heaven this helps tear strongholds down in their lives making it easier for them to hear Father God's call to begin with. And it helps us as well with our battles**

**and struggles. And we all still sin from time to time. We are not perfect. Pray for those who do sin who are saved already that they listen to the Holy spirit convicting them to repent.**

**So remember to put your agreement with others and see what can be accomplished. Take into account everyone's needs, wants and desires as a whole because we are one body. That is all the Holy Spirit at this time wants me to show you. You all have a blessed day to God be the Glory.**