



A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK SEVEN | THE POWER OF PRAYER

FRIDAY

Praying for Others

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

1 Timothy 2:1

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;"

KEY TRUTH

Intercession carries another person's need before God with compassion, faith, and thanksgiving.

GOOD MORNING!

Prayer becomes less self-centered when we begin carrying the needs of others before God.

Paul names supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving. Intercession notices another person's burden and makes room for it in our own conversation with the Lord.

We pray for family and friends, but Scripture widens the circle. We pray for leaders, neighbors, church members, those who suffer, those who oppose us, and people who do not yet know Christ.

Create a prayer list today, but do not let names become mere entries. Picture each person, consider their need, and pray with compassion. God may also show you a practical way to become part of the answer.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

- 1 Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4.
- 2 Write down five people to pray for.
- 3 Include someone difficult to love.
- 4 Spend five minutes interceding by name.
- 5 Act upon one practical need God reveals.

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"I Need the Prayers of Those I Love"
- James Rowe

"I need the prayers of those I love."

God uses the faithful intercession of believers to strengthen, protect, and encourage one another.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Tell someone specifically that you prayed for them today, and ask whether there is another need you can carry.

PRAYER

Father, enlarge my prayer life beyond my own concerns. Bring people and needs clearly to mind. Teach me to intercede with compassion, persistence, and thanksgiving. Show me where prayer should lead to practical service, and draw those who are lost toward Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

Intercession is love kneeling before God with someone else's burden in its hands.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

**Week Seven | Saturday | Watch and Pray |
Matthew 26:41 (KJV)**

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!