Praying God’s Word Over Others

Another way we have to pray for others is to pray God’s Word. One thing about praying scriptures is that you can know that you are praying God’s will, just like when you are praying in tongues. **Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.** 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, **because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.** 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:26-28).

We have two prayers in the book of Ephesians, which are inspired by the Holy Spirit, that the apostle Paul prayed for the church at Ephesus. The first is found in Ephesians 1:16 - 23, and the other is found in Ephesians 3:14 - 21. We all have friends, relatives, loved ones and acquaintances who are not saved. Or, they may be saved, but don’t believe in healing or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In either case, for whatever the reason is, they haven’t grasped God’s Word in its fulness. They don’t have a revelation of who they are in Christ Jesus, or the authority they have as a believer, or that they’ve been redeemed from the curse of the law, and they don’t know how to claim their rights in Christ Jesus. It could be because they were mis-taught, or because Satan has blinded their minds, as we read in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 **(But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them)**. Or, they’ve been saved and have not grown and developed spiritually, possibly due to a lack of hunger for God.

By praying scriptural prayers (which are spiritual prayers in that they are in inspired by the Holy Spirit and not by man), we are giving God something to work with because He confirms His Word with signs following:

**So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.** Isaiah 55:11

**And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.** Mark 16:20

It is our responsibility as believers to pray for one another. In Jesus’ prayer in John 17, He said: **Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:** 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

16 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 17 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 18 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

As Jesus prayed, He also mentioned His own disciples in verses 6 - 15. And in verse 20, He begins to pray for us when He says, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word". All of us who are saved believe in Jesus through their word, either directly or indirectly. They (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are the ones who recorded the gospels, and Peter and John are among those who recorded the epistles. So we see that not only was Jesus praying for them, then (His followers and disciples), but He was also praying for those dear ones who were yet to come into the fold — the family of God.

Jesus not only believed in the written Word, He also believed in prayer. He had a lifestyle of prayer. He spent much time in prayer, and even started his ministry out by prayer and fasting (Matthew and Luke chapters 4). He said in Mark 11:17, "Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer?" Jesus is the One Who taught us through the Holy Spirit that, "...when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:6). We can pray anywhere, as long as our motive is right and we aren’t praying to be seen of man, because God said in 1 Timothy 2:8, "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." There is also united prayer, as we read in Acts 4:24: And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is.

And, thank God for all the praying that gets done. But it’s very important that each one of us finds a place to go and pray where we can get alone with God with no one else around — a prayer closet— someplace where it’s just you and God and no one else —it’s somewhere that you can get on your knees and begin to seek God. I believe that this is the most important thing a believer can do: get alone with God every day and pray and pray and talk to God. Then, listen for His voice in your heart, for He wants to fellowship and share with you and give you daily manna. Did you notice that when you pray
in secret, Jesus said that the Father would reward us openly? I believe that the greatest blessing God could reward us with is for His presence to come upon us, and people would know that we've been with God.

Jesus never got to the place that He thought He didn't need to pray. And who would have been busier than Jesus? But He always took the time to be with His Father, as we read in the following scriptures:

And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. Matthew 14:23

And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. Mark 6:46

And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed. Luke 5:16

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. Luke 11:1

When you think of all the things that the disciples could have asked Jesus to them to do, and when He had finished praying, they asked Him to teach them how to pray. So, prayer is something that is taught and passed on.

Let’s pray now:

Father God, we come to You in Jesus’ Name, and Lord, we dedicate our lives to You today, so that every day, we are going to get away from everything else to be with You. We make this commitment, in Jesus’ Name. We purpose in our heart that nothing will keep us from going to You in prayer, and we ask You, Lord, to teach us how to pray so that we get to the place that we don’t even want to leave our prayer closet. We want to walk in this and lift up the Name of Jesus, to where we pray earnestly, fervently, perseveringly and without ceasing in the spirit, so we can get to know You. We want to decrease and for You to increase, so that You can accomplish Your will on earth. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

I want to encourage you to please, if you haven’t already, take these prayers from Ephesians and begin to pray for those whom you are supposed to be praying for. The Ephesian prayers cover so much, and leave out almost nothing! These prayers are prayed for peoples’ spiritual welfare, development, progress and growth. Read the prayers below, and just fill in the blanks with their name(s). So much depends on your prayer life!

Also, if you have a prayer request and you want me to stand with you, please email me back, and if God leads you, pray these prayers in Ephesians 1 & 3 over me. And together, let’s help God get His will accomplished by you and I praying for others, as well as keeping ourselves built up in prayer.

Ephesians 1:16-23 & 3:14-21

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That he would grant ________, according to the riches
of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17That Christ may dwell in his/her/their hearts by faith; that he/she/they, being rooted and grounded in love, 18May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that he/she/they might be filled with all the fulness of God. 20Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

I look forward to sharing with you tomorrow.

Your brother in the Lord,

**Brother Rich**

Remember, *God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers* (3 John 2).