

Praying for Hurting People

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- Help me understand and have Godly compassion for hurting people.
- Keep me from coming to this ministry with a judgmental attitude or an attitude of superiority.
- Teach me to discern the real issues that need to be addressed with hurting people.
- Help me separate between what hurting people may have done and who they are in Christ.
- Help me to see hurting people as You see them, Lord.
- Help me to represent Christ to them
- Fill me with Your love for them.
- Define my role in their lives so that Your boundaries are in place.
- Keep my own past or present woundedness from interfering with my ministry to hurting people.
- Keep me from self-reliance.

Praying for Others

Many times, we focus on "visible", specific needs while neglecting "invisible" aspects of Christian life and growth. I have taken these four prayers of Paul from Scripture and listed the issues he felt were important to be praying about for his friends. I believe that this type of "pro-active" (as opposed to "reactive" praying based on current physical needs or crises) should be included as we uphold other believers in prayer.

Eph. 1:15-19

- May they know You better and better
- Reveal Yourself to them
- May they have spiritual wisdom
- Open their spiritual eyes to see things clearly
- Help them understand that You have chosen and called them for a purpose
- Show them what a rich inheritance they have

2 Thess. 1:11-12

- May You count them as ones who live lives worthy of their calling
- Fulfill every desire they have for doing good
- Give them the power to live lives of faith
- May You be glorified by the way they live

Phil. 1:9-11

- Make their love for you and others grow more and more
- Help them to have real knowledge and discernment so they can make the best choices.
- Help them to be sincere and blameless
- May their lives be filled with the fruit of right choices

Col. 1:9-12

- Fill them with the knowledge of Your will
- Give them spiritual wisdom and understanding
- Help them to live lives and make choices that please You
- May they bear fruit as they do good works
- Help them increase in their knowledge of You
- Strengthen them according to Your might
- Help them be steadfast and patient
- Help them live lives filled with thanksgiving to You
- Help them enjoy their relationship with you

Eph. 3:14-19

- Strengthen them with power through Your Spirit in the inner man
- Help them to abide in Your love
- Help them live lives characterized by faith
- May they be rooted and grounded in Your love
- Help them comprehend how much You really love them
- May they be filled up to all the fullness of God

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