

May You Pray - For People Each Day!

**“I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”
Ephesians 1:16 (NIV)**

WORD: God, what are You saying to me?

When someone matters to us, one of the best things we can do for them is to pray for them! The Apostle Paul really cared about the believers in Ephesus, and, in his letter to them (*called “Ephesians”*), he told them how he always remembered them in his prayers. We can follow Paul’s example by regularly praying for the people that we love, too. ~ *Who are some people you care for? What are some specific things you can pray for them for this month? Do you have a special prayer request you want me to pray for?*

WHY: God, why does this Scripture matter?

Sometimes it’s easy to give up on important things, but prayer is one important thing that we don’t ever want to quit. God promises throughout His Word that He hears our prayers, so we know that when we continually pray for others, He continually hears us! **What an amazing truth, that as we remember others in our prayers, our God “remembers” to listen to us!** ~ *Have you ever given up on something important? Do you ever give up on prayer? Why is it powerful to keep remembering those you love in prayer?*

WHAT: God, what else does Your Word say to me about this?

In the Old Testament, when it says “God remembered,” His thoughts always led to action. The first time we see this is in Genesis 8:1: **“But God remembered Noah and all the beasts...that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.”** Now, obviously we can’t take action like this, but we CAN be intentional to let our thoughts about people lead to the actions of prayer! The godly leader Samuel took this so seriously that he said, **“As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you”** (1 Samuel 12:23a). We can let our reminders of others lead to actions of prayer, too! ~ *When you remember someone, do they ever just flit in and out of your mind, not much more than a thought? How can you create a new habit to deliberately pray for people? Does this mean you have to stop whatever you’re doing and get on your knees, or can you simply say a silent prayer for them as you carry on with life?*

WORSHIP: God, how do You want me to respond to this truth?

Praying for people we care about is one of the very best things we can do for them. What a gift we can give them: to bring them before the God of the Universe, asking for His help and blessing on their behalf! We can do this for one another, and we can do this for others in our hearts and lives. ~ *Let’s write down some specific names to pray for this month, as we focus on prayer. Let’s pray together for these people right now!*

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May you learn to remember others not just in your thoughts but in your prayers. May your prayers be powerful and mighty on behalf of those you love and care about, in Jesus’ Name, amen!