

## PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

**1 Timothy 2:1-6** <sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

### **The Command to Pray** – verse 1

1. Given To everyone in the church community

### **The Context of Prayer** – verse 1

1. *Supplications* – requests of God
2. *Prayers*- worship of God
3. *Intercessions* – to throw oneself into another person's case so as to affect the outcome.
4. *Thanksgivings* – Gratitude

### **The Concentration of Prayer** - verses 1-4

1. *All people*
  - a. Political leaders
  - b. Unsaved people
2. *To be saved*
3. *And come to the knowledge of the truth*

### **The Compassion of Prayer** –

1. Intercessory Prayer
  - a. Examples:
    - i. Abraham pleaded with God to save Lot from Sodom's destruction
    - ii. Moses offered his own life in exchange for his people
    - iii. Nehemiah prayed for the people of Jerusalem
    - iv. The church prayed for Peter when he was in prison – Acts 12:5
    - v. Paul prayed for the people of the churches he planted

- vi. Epaphras was always praying for the church in Colossae – Col. 4:12
- vii. JESUS is our intercessor
  - 1. Job 16:19-21
  - 2. John 17
  - 3. 1 John 2:1
- b. Intercession requires Compassion
  - i. Lamentations 3:48-50
  - ii. Joel 2:17
- c. Intercession requires Confession
  - i. Confession of needs and provisions
    - 1. **James 5:13-15** *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.*
  - ii. Confession of sin
    - 1. **James 5:16** *Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.*
- d. Intercession requires Connection
  - i. Be willing to accept God's purpose for the person's life
    - 1. Prayer is seeing life from the highest perspective – God's
    - 2. Prayer brings the purpose of God into view – yours and theirs
    - 3. Prayer activates the power of God for their life
  - ii. Be willing to bring God's answer into the person's life
    - 1. *"I would do anything to see my boyfriend come to Christ, except break up with him."*
  - iii. Be committed and consistent to keep praying until an answer is received
  - iv. Get connected to others who pray
    - 1. Admit that you can't do it alone
      - a. Moses had Aaron and Hur
    - 2. Seek out people who get involved, not just give advice
    - 3. Seek out people who are learning to trust and obey
    - 4. Seek out people who have a heart to see people get saved
  - v. Start now to make prayer a higher priority

1. In your personal life
2. In your group life
3. In your public life