

# **PRAYING FOR OTHERS**

## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

**God commands us to pray for one another  
and Paul provides us with some instructions here.**

### **I. BE GRATEFUL (15-16a)**

*- Praise God for behaving believers.*

#### **A. THE REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING**

1. Their faith in Christ
2. Their love for others

#### **B. THE REGULARITY OF THE THANKSGIVING**

1. An unceasing practice ... "I do not cease"
2. Every time I think of you I give thanks
  - cf. Phil. 1:3-6; Col. 1:3-4 and I Thess. 1:2-4

#### **C. THE REALITY OF THE THANKSGIVING**

- We can be grateful and prayerful for people we only hear about.

### **II. BE FAITHFUL (16b-23)**

*- Petition God for believers to know Him better and trust Him more.*

#### **A. PURPOSEFUL COMMITMENT (16b)**

- Making mention of you in my prayers

#### **B. PARTICULAR CONCERNS (17-23)**

1. An intimate knowledge of the person of Christ (17) > Knowing Him better
2. A practical knowledge of some provisions of Christ (18-23) > Trusting Him more
  - a. His promise (18a)
  - b. His placement (18b)
  - c. His power (19-23)
    - 1) Directed toward Christians (19a)
    - 2) Demonstrated in Christ (19b-23)
      - a) His resurrection (19b-20a)
      - b) His coronation (20b-21)
      - c) His exaltation (22-23)

**Will you be committed to praying for others?**

1. Being Grateful: Praising God for behaving believers
2. Being faithful: Petitioning God for believers to know Him better and trust Him more

**I Samuel 12:23** "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you ...."