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If I asked, “How can I pray for you?” What would you answer? I am always deeply appreciative when someone thinks enough of me to take the time to pray on my behalf. In Ephesians chapter 1, the Apostle Paul explains why intercessory prayer is so important in the body of Christ. Paul informed the saints in Ephesians that he continuously prayed for them (vv. 16–17). Then he became even more transparent and shared with them specifically what he was constantly asking God to do for them.

First, he prayed for them to have the “Spirit of wisdom and revelation” so they could know God better (v. 17). Second, he prayed for them to know the hope to which they were called, of being his “glorious inheritance” (v. 18). Lastly, he prayed for them to know the “incomparably great power” of God for those who believe in Him (v. 19). How great is this power? This is the same power that raised Christ from the dead and exalted Him to the right hand of God! In other words, He has all power and according to verse 22, He did it for the church!

Paul sets an excellent example for us to follow as believers. We should not only pray for one another but also know what to request on behalf of one another. He explains that it is very important for us to pray for one another lest we become prey. Paul understood this potential danger: “With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit, and stay alert in this, with all perseverance and intercession for all saints” (Eph. 6:18). It is a privilege to pray for fellow believers.

## **Go Deeper**

It is easy for our prayers to constantly consist of me, myself, and I. How often do you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ? Can you reflect on a time when your prayers for others were answered?

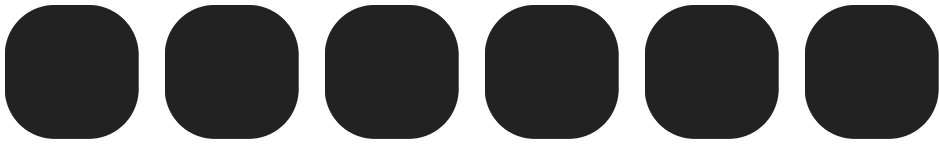
## **Pray with Us**

Lord, we want to be prayer warriors, lifting our brothers and sisters in Christ to Your throne of grace. It is indeed a privilege to “always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people” (Eph. 6:18).

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