

#### IV. PRAY POWERFULLY FOR ONE ANOTHER

*“17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.*

*18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”* James 5:17-18

Elijah was an ordinary man who was willing to be used powerfully by a supernatural God. The background to this story is found in I Kings 17-18.

Israel fell away from the Lord and started worshipping the false god Baal. God punished the nation by holding back rain for three and a half years.

Then Elijah challenged the priests of Baal on Mt. Carmel. All day long the priests cried out to their god, but no rain came. Then Elijah powerfully prayed and fire came down from heaven and there was a great rain and the nation was saved.

#### V. PRAY PRACTICALLY FOR ONE ANOTHER

A. Encourage people to share their needs and prayer requests.

*“Brethren, pray for us.”* I Thessalonians 5:25

B. Keep a prayer list.

*“Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),”* II Peter 3:1

C. Pray for people “on the spot”.

*“And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.”* Acts 20:36

**PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!**

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### INTRODUCTION

A. Do you know that the words “one another” are used as a command 59 times in the New Testament? These commands describe God’s design for relationships and how we are to engage and respond to one another.

It should be our goal to always one another well. Jesus placed a high priority on our one anothering when He said,

*“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* John 13:35

Imagine a world where every Christian was demonstrating “love for one another” and obeying all the one another commandments. It would drastically improve our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

B. God created us to be relational beings and wants us to experience abundant, life-giving community. The trouble is many times we don’t one another well. Attend the One Another Teaching Series to improve your one anothering and strengthen your relationships.

May 12	Love One Another
May 19	Greet One Another
May 26	Submit To One Another
TODAY	Pray For One Another
Jun 9	Forgive One Another
Jun 16	Encourage One Another
Jun 23	Be Members Of One Another

C. **TEXT:** James 5:13-20

Praying for one another is intercessory prayer. It is making a prayer to God on behalf of someone else.

## HOW TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

### I. PRAY OBEDIENTLY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Praying for one another is mentioned seven times in this passage.

*“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.”* I Samuel 12:23

### II. PRAY SPECIFICALLY FOR ONE ANOTHER

#### A. Pray for the suffering.

*“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.”* James 5:13

*“Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.”* Acts 12:5

#### B. Pray for the sick.

*“14 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.  
15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”* James 5:14-15

#### C. Pray for the sinful.

*“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed....”* James 5:16a

*“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”* Proverbs 28:13

#### D. Pray for the straying.

*“<sup>19</sup>Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”* James 5:19-20

*“<sup>10</sup>Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.”* Romans 10:1-2

#### E. Pray for everyone.

*“<sup>2</sup>Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,”* I Timothy 2:1

### III. PRAY EFFECTIVELY FOR ONE ANOTHER

#### A. Pray with fervent intensity.

*“...The effective, fervent prayer...”* James 5:16b

Fervent prayer is fueled by the Holy Spirit.

*“<sup>18</sup>praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—”* Ephesians 6:18

#### B. Pray with righteous integrity.

*“...of a righteous man avails much.”* James 5:16c

*“And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”* I John 3:22

A strong prayer life is based on obedience to God.