

Praying with Others

Summary: Praying for those who are broken in body and soul, is not a matter of methods but of compassion for the suffering and reliance upon the Lord to work through you.

I. Praying with others: Call for some or command for all?

A. Is praying for those who are sick, broken in heart, oppressed by evil, a call to some or is it a command of the Lord to anyone who is a disciple?

1. In the Catholic tradition we tend to see this as something that those who are “Saints” or very holy people can do and be effective with. We tend to see This as the domain of the “professional” people such as priests or very Gifted people.
2. But can anyone pray with others? Are His gifts available to all?

B. Luke 9-10 shows the progress of moving from apostles to disciples who are Commissioned to pray for the sick and broken of heart.

1. “Now Jesus called together the twelve [disciples] and gave them [the right to exercise] power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. **2** Then He sent them out [on a brief journey] to preach [a]the kingdom of God and to perform healing.” Lk. 9:1-2.

2. The “12” were commissioned and empowered to heal the sick.

3. “After this the Lord appointed seventy[a] others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come....Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; **9** heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”. Lk. 10: 1-2, 8-9.

4. Jesus then moves to expand from the 12 to 70. His intention is to expand the Scope of ministry to serve a suffering and broken humanity.

5. Finally, in Mk. 16:17-18: “And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **18** they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

C. Summary

1. Clearly there are those who are disciples of Jesus can pray for the sick and Broken of heart.
2. Jesus intends that anyone of His disciples become vessels of His kingdom Presence and power.
3. Praying with others can be expressed in the adaptive acronym F.A.C.T.
 - a. F. **Faithful** to the Lord’s commission to pray with others as a work of mercy.
 - b. A. **Available** to Him to be used for the sake of others.
 - c. C. **Compassion** for a broken and suffering humanity.
 - d. T. **Teachable**. Willing to grow and be taught by the Lord and others.

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II. How do we pray with others?

A. Not a method but an approach.

1. Listen to the person and the Lord.

- a. Ask them their first name and welcome them with a smile.
- b. Ask them "Where does it hurt?" IF any pain-what level of pain?
- c. Any impressions within you that may be from the Lord?
The Lord will often impress upon your emotions or thoughts, Images or words that may be helpful in knowing how to Pray with the person. It could be something as simple as: "Impression that the person is 'sad'". Or an image of the Person that comes from their past such as conflict in a Relationship.
- d. You don't need to share the image at this point. Just simply Hold it in your heart. Or you may sense you should share it With them. Share humbly: "I have this image of you with conflict With your father when you were young? Does that mean Anything to you?"

2. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and minister to this person.

- "Come Holy Spirit and minister the Father's love and mercy to _____."
- a. Keep the prayer short.
 - b. Keep your eyes open.
 - c. Wait in silence. If you pray in tongues, then do so quietly.
 - d. The purpose of this time is to simply ask the Lord to work in The person's life. You take the time to intercede for the person. This is "love in action." Intercession is a work of mercy.

3. Pray specifically for the area of concern that the person has told you

- "hurts." The "hurt" can be a relationship in conflict; a cancer in their Body; a haunting memory; etc.....Pray like this: "Father I ask you to Bring healing to _____. Free them of _____." Speak directly To the area of hurt: "In the name of Jesus, I command this cancer to die." or, "In the name of Jesus, I speak to the pain to "go" away."
- a. Note: You are petitioning the Lord to act in their life.
 - b. Keep it short.
 - c. Keep it specific.
 - d. Speak to the area of hurt specifically: it is a living thing. We Speak in the "name" of Jesus because it is His power and authority That brings healing. The name "Jesus" means the "Lord saves His People."

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4. **Ask the person how they are doing. Where is the level of pain?**

- a. Listen to what they say. Share any impressions you may have.
- b. Pray again with them as in #3.
- c. Ask again how they are. Any improvement? Where is the level of Pain?

5. **Encouragement of the person.**

- a. End the time of prayer when you:
 - i. Run out of time
 - ii. Don't know what else to say or how to pray.
 - iii. The person indicates they are through.
 - iv. They are healed.
- b. Encourage the person:
 - i. Come back again for more prayer.
 - ii. Read a certain portion of Scripture that will help them
To become more open to the Lord as a healer/provider.
 - iii. To give thanks to the Lord for His love for them
And the work he is doing in their life.
I like to end the time of prayer by "thanking the Lord for
What he is doing in the person's life and His love for them."

B. Prayer with others is something we do out of obedience to the Lord and
And compassion for a suffering and broken humanity. We leave the results
To the Lord, always interceding for the person that the Lord continue to work
In their life.