

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)*

## **Powerful And Effective**

**Do you want to be able to pray prayers that are powerful and effective? Do you want to pray prayers that I will hear and answer? Do you want to pray prayers that will bring healing to others and yourself?** Yes of course, I want to pray powerful and effective prayers. I really do want to pray prayers that you will hear and answer. I want to pray healing for others and for myself. How can I pray these kinds of prayers? **That is a very good question.**

**One thing is necessary if you want to pray prayers that are powerful and effective. One thing is required if you want to pray prayers that I will hear and answer.** What one thing is necessary? **You must hear from me. I will give you the prayers that I want you to pray. You must pray prayers that are according to my will. You must pray prayers that are according to my purposes and my plans.**

How will I ever be able to hear from you? How will I be able to know if you have given me a prayer to pray? **What will hinder you from hearing from me?** Sin will hinder me from hearing from you. If I am living in sin I will have a very difficult time hearing from you. **That's right.** I will also have a very hard time hearing from you if I have not confessed my sins to you. **Why is that?** When I know that I am either living in sin or not confessing my sins I am likely to be distant from you. Instead of drawing near to you I am more likely to want to hide from you. **You're right again. So, if you want to hear from me what will you do?** I will both leave sin behind and confess my sins to you. **You will draw near to me to confess your sins to me?** Yes, I will. **You will draw near to me as you leave sin behind?** Yes, I will. **Then you will hear from me.** There is more that you want to tell me, isn't there? **Yes, I have one more question for you.**

**What will help you to hear from me?** We just talked about what would hinder me from hearing from you. **Yes, we did. This is other half of the answer to your questions.** What were my questions? **How will you ever be able to hear from me? How will you be able to know if I have given you a prayer to pray?** I don't know the answer to your question. **Oh, I'm sure that you do know the answer.** I don't think so. **What would you do if you desperately wanted to hear from me?** I would seek you with all my heart. I wouldn't give up. I wouldn't let up. I would be urgent. I would be unrelenting. I would be insistent and persistent. **You know what that sounds like to me?** I'm not sure. **It sounds like the answer to my question.** Really? **Yes, really. Seek me with all your heart. Don't give up. Don't let up. Be urgent and unrelenting. Be insistent and persistent and you will certainly hear from me. You will know that I have given you prayers to pray. You will know that you are praying powerful prayers that I will hear and answer.** Then that is exactly what I will do. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I will not try to cover up or hide from my sins. I will confess all my sins to you and to any one I have sinned against. I don't want anything to get in the way and hinder my prayers. I want to be able to pray powerful prayers that you will hear and answer. Amen*

**So That** *You May Be Healed*

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

NIV James 5:16

**So That** *You May Be Healed*

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

ESV James 5:16

**So That** *You May Be Healed*

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

NLT James 5:16

**So That** *You May Be Healed*

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

NKJV James 5:16

**So That** *You May Be Healed*

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

NRSV James 5:16

**So That** *You Can Live Together Whole And Healed*

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

MSG James 5:16

**So That** *You May Be Healed*

Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].

AMP James 5:16

**So That** *You May Be Healed*

Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.

TLB James 5:16

**So That** *You May Be Healed*

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

NASB James 5:16

**So That** *God Can Heal You*

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen.

NCV James 5:16



**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you make it your regular practice to confess your sins so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will make it my regular practice to confess my sins so I can pray prayers that you have given me to pray.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what sins do I need to confess so that I can be unhindered in praying the prayers you give me to pray?*

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