

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)

Weak Or Strong?

There is no doubt about that. **There is no doubt about what?** I am weak. **How are you weak?** How much time do you have? I could go on and on about how weak I am. **That wouldn't be a bad exercise.** Why is that? **You don't need to worry so much about your weaknesses. When you should begin to worry is when you begin to think you are strong.** Why is that? **What do you do when you know you are weak?** I come to rely on you. I ask you for your help. **What do you do when you begin to think that you are strong?** I rely on my own gifts and talents and abilities. I try to go and do your will with my own efforts. **You do now see the problem, don't you?** Yes, I do.

You had a very specific weakness in mind when you said there was no doubt about your weakness. Yes, I did. **Tell me about the weakness you had in mind.** I can't tell you how often I have not known how to pray. **Does that seem like a weakness to you?** Yes, it does. **Are you sure about that?** No, I'm not. **If haven't known how to pray what have you done? If you don't know how to pray what will you do?** If I don't know how to pray, I will ask you to show me how to pray. That is what I have done and that is what I will do. **When have you been so sure of how to pray that you didn't need to ask me to show you how to pray? When have you not needed me to guide your prayers?** You've got me there. I can't say that I have ever not needed you to guide my prayers. I have always and will always need you to show me how to pray. **Yes, you will. Wouldn't needing and relying on my help be more of a strength than a weakness?** Yes, it would. **Wouldn't relying on yourself to come up with your own prayers to pray be more of weakness?** Yes, it would. **Aren't you strongest when you rely on me?** Yes, I am. **Aren't you weakest when you rely on yourself?** Yes, I am. **So, what will you do?** I will rely on you to show me how to pray. I will let you guide my prayers. **That will be very good.**

Holy Spirit, often I have no idea how to pray. I have no thoughts to think or words to say. I am left speechless, which is a good thing. I will rely on you to teach me how to pray. Guide my prayers. Intercede for me. Bring my prayers into alignment with God's will. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Helps Us In Our Weakness*

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NIV Romans 8:26-27

Becoming Like Christ *Helps Us In Our Weakness*

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

NLT Romans 8:26-27

Becoming Like Christ *Helps Us In Our Weakness*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

NRSV Romans 8:26-27

Becoming Like Christ *Bears Us Up In Our Weakness*

So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance. And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the [Holy] Spirit [what His intent is], because the Spirit intercedes and pleads [before God] in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.

AMP Romans 8:26-27

Becoming Like Christ *Helps Us In Our Weakness*

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

NASB Romans 8:26-27

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ESV Romans 8:26-27

Becoming Like Christ *Helps Us In Our Weakness*

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

NKJV Romans 8:26-27

Becoming Like Christ *Helping Us Along*

Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God.

MSG Romans 8:26-27

Becoming Like Christ *Helps Us With Our Daily Problems*

And in the same way—by our faith—the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don't even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows, of course, what the Spirit is saying as he pleads for us in harmony with God's own will.

TLB Romans 8:26-27

Becoming Like Christ *Helps Us In Our Weakness*

Also, the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us with deep feelings that words cannot explain. God can see what is in people's hearts. And he knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit speaks to God for his people in the way God wants.

NCV Romans 8:26-27

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

My you allow the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray in and through your weakness.

Prayer To Carry

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

Holy Spirit, I will allow you to show me how to pray in and through my weakness.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Holy Spirit, how will you show me how to pray in and through my weaknesses today?
