

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 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 5:13-16 (NIV)

Prayers Of Faith

That is what I want to offer to you. **What do you want to offer to me?** In every circumstance of life, I want to offer prayers of faith to you. When there is sickness or sadness or sorrow, I will pray. When there is happiness and joy and celebration, I will give thanks to you. When there is trouble and great need, I will pray. All my prayers will be filled with faith. I will trust in you. I will rely on your help not only for myself but for others as well. **That will be very good.** There is a side note I would also like to make. **What's that?** I know the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. You will hear and answer the prayers of the righteous, of that I am certain. **Yes, I will. Is there a problem?** Yes, there is a problem. I am a sinner. I take missteps. I make mistakes. I sin. On my own, I am not righteous. The only righteousness I have is in you. **Is that not enough?** Yes, your righteousness is more than enough. I want to point out that I will be making confessing my sins to you a regular part of my daily prayer life. I will be relying on your forgiveness and cleansing. You will make me pure and clean and righteous. **Yes, I will. Yes, I have.** You will make me a vessel that you can use. **Yes, I will use you as my vessel.**

Say more about being my vessel. How will you be my prayer vessel? I have been thinking about that quite a bit. Your forgiveness and cleansing make me a clean vessel for your use. **Yes, it does.** However, there is another requirement to having prayers heard and answered. **What is that?** Prayers that are heard and answered must be filled with faith. I must believe that you will hear and answer my prayers. If I pray prayers filled with doubt, I cannot expect to receive anything from you. **That is correct.** So, I will be relying on you to guide my prayers. I believe that you will give me prayers to pray. You will encourage and strengthen me as I live a life of prayer with you. You will hear and answer my prayers and fill my heart with faith as I continue to live in an intimate prayer filled relationship with you. **Yes, I will give you prayers to pray. Yes, I will hear and answer your prayers. Yes, I will grow your faith as you walk through life holding on to me.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I will pray in all the circumstances of life. I will pray faith filled prayers for others and myself in times of happiness, sickness, sorrow, trouble or need. I will pray prayers of confession. Make me righteous so that my prayers can be heard and answered. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer Offered In Faith*

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NIV

James 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer Offered In Faith*

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. 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 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer Of Faith*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 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 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer Of Faith*

Is anyone among you afflicted (ill-treated, suffering evil)? He should pray. Is anyone glad at heart? He should sing praise [to God]. Is anyone among you sick? He should call in the church elders (the spiritual guides). And they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Lord's name. And the prayer [that is] of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 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 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer Offered In Faith*

Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. 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 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer Offered Of Faith*

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 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. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 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 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer Offered Of Faith*

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. 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. 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. 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 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Believing Prayer*

Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out. 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 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer Offered In Faith*

Is anyone among you suffering? He should keep on praying about it. And those who have reason to be thankful should continually be singing praises to the Lord. Is anyone sick? He should call for the elders of the church and they should pray over him and pour a little oil upon him, calling on the Lord to heal him. And their prayer, if offered in faith, will heal him, for the Lord will make him well; and if his sickness was caused by some sin, the Lord will forgive him. 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 5:13-16

Becoming Like Christ *Prayer That Is Said With Faith*

Anyone who is having troubles should pray. Anyone who is happy should sing praises. Anyone who is sick should call the church's elders. They should pray for and pour oil on the person in the name of the Lord. And the prayer that is said with faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will heal that person. And if the person has sinned, the sins will be forgiven. 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 5:13-16

Prayer Offered In Faith

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – James 5:13-16

In Context: *Read James 5*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will pray in all the circumstances of life. I will pray faith filled prayers for others and myself in times of happiness, sickness, sorrow, trouble or need. I will pray prayers of confession. Make me righteous so that my prayers can be heard and answered. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What prayers have you been praying when you have been in trouble?

What prayers have you been praying when you have been happy?

When have you called on others to pray for you when you have been sick?

How are you praying for those who are in trouble, sick or in some kind of great need?

Why is it important that your prayers to the Lord are filled with faith?

How are you making confession of your sins a regular part of your prayer life?

Why will unconfessed sin hinder your prayers from being heard and answered?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Continue to pray faith filled prayers to the Lord.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will hear and answer your faith filled prayers.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has heard and answered your faith filled prayers.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

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?)

May you offer faith filled prayers to the Lord.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will offer faith filled prayers to you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what faith filled prayers will you guide me to pray today?
