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## **When Will You Pray?**

**When will you pray to me? When will you come into my presence? When will you give your thanks and praise to me? When will you confess your sins to me? When you tell me what you want and need from me?** I have three answers to all your questions. **I'm listening.** First, I will give you all my adoration and praise and thanksgiving daily. I will also confess my sins to you and make my needs known to you daily. **That seems like a more than adequate answer to my questions. What more do you want to say?** Secondly, I will set a specific time and place to meet with you in prayer daily. **Why is that important?** If I don't set a part a specific time and place to meet with you in prayer it is not likely to happen. **Why is that?** Life is busy. Life is all consuming. Life screams for my attention. If I do not make prayer a priority, the rest of life will crowd it out of my life. **You are very wise to know this to be true.** Thank you. I only know this to be true because you have shown it to be true to me. Finally, I want our set times of prayer to spill over into the rest of my life. **How so?** I want to live a life that is fully devoted to you. I want to know you. I want to hear your voice speaking to me. I want to live and walk in an intimate relationship with you. I want to live my life in a constant dialogue of prayer with you. So, if I would tell you what I want or need right now, I would say, "Help me to live my life in a constant dialogue of prayer to you. Help me to know you. Help me to be known to you." That is the passionate prayer of my heart. That is what I want and need to you. At all times, I will pray to you. At all times, I will live a life of being fully devoted to you. **You have asked for something I will surely grant. I will hear and answer this passionate prayer of yours. Thank you, Lord.**

*Lord, I want to live a life of ongoing prayer. I want to walk through life in a constant dialogue of prayer with you. I will pray to you when I am in trouble or in need. I will give you thanks and praise when I am filled with joy. I will live a life fully devoted to you. Amen*

**Promises** *Is Any One Of You In Trouble?*

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.

NIV James 5:13-16

**Promises** *Are Any Of You Suffering Hardships?*

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

**Promises** *Are Any Among You Suffering?*

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

**Promises** *Is Anyone Among You Afflicted?*

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

**Promises** *Is Anyone Among You Suffering?*

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

**Promises** *Is Anyone Among You Suffering?*

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

**Promises** *Is Anyone Among You Suffering?*

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

**Promises** *Are You Hurting?*

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

**Promises** *Is Anyone Among You Suffering?*

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

**Promises** *Anyone Who Is Having Troubles*

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

**Is Any One Of You In Trouble?** Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Promises** – 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 want to live a life of ongoing prayer. I want to walk through life in a constant dialogue of prayer with you. I will pray to you when I am in trouble or in need. I will give you thanks and praise when I am filled with joy. I will live a life fully devoted to you. Amen

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

How has praying to the Lord given you power and strength to go through troubles?

How has praying to the Lord given you comfort and guidance through troubles?

How has praying to the Lord given insight and wisdom through troubles?

Who can you call on to anoint you with oil and pray for you when you are sick?

**How is adoration and thanksgiving and praise becoming a regular part of your prayer life?**

**How is confession of your sins becoming a regular part of your prayer life?**

**How are you seeking to live a life that is fully devoted to loving, following and serving the Lord?**

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

Pray to the Lord when you are in trouble.

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

Have faith that the Lord will hear and answer your prayers when you pray to Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group what prayers are on your heart and in your mind right now.

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**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?**

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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 pray and ask the Lord for His help when you are in trouble.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will pray and ask for your help when I am in trouble.*

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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, how will you help me when I am in this trouble?*

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