



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: 2 Thess. 3 Title: Pray for One Another

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Summary of Chapter Paul begins 2 Thessalonians 3 with a request for prayer from the Thessalonian church and he in turn prayed for them. Then he gave a charge to the church to discipline the disorderly among them. He particularly challenged the idle, those who refused to work to provide for themselves, citing himself as an example of one who worked hard so his life could benefit others. He concluded the chapter with another prayer for his beloved church and then gave the final benediction.

Key Verse(s) NLT

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. 2 Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer. 3 But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

How does it speak to me?

In these verses, we see that prayer is two-way. Paul not only prayed for the Thessalonians, asking God among other things, to strengthen them and guard them from the evil one, he also solicited prayer from this church that he had founded.

Often in the ministry, we spend a lot of time praying for others. But Paul here shows the need of the minister to receive prayer from others too.

I want to share an incident of how a member in the church stood in the gap to pray for me. Last July, a Gracian was prompted by the Lord to tell me He wants me to get up at 6am to seek His face and be still before Him. But I had difficulty getting up so early in the morning because I do not sleep well at night. This Gracian did not give up on me but persevered in prayer for me that I would be able to get up at 6am in the morning and that I could sleep well every night. Praise God! This year, I had a breakthrough and was able to get up as early as 4.30am to seek God's face!

Saints of God, the Bible exhorts us in Ephesians 6:18 to be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. So, let's cover one another in prayer to fulfil God's Word over us for we need one another in our spiritual journey. Amen!

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult: Put it into your prayer journal to pray at least once a week for a spiritual leader who watches over your spiritual life.

Youth: In your prayer time, be silent before God for 1 min. each day this week and ask God to show you a prayer need of your cell leader. Pray for him/her.

Child: During this coming Sunday, ask your children's church teacher for one prayer request. Spend the following week praying for them with your parents.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture: Heavenly Father, thank You for providing us with a spiritual family to care for us and to pray for us. Help us to care & pray for others too.

Thanksgiving Prayer: I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

Intercessory Prayer: I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

Salvation Prayer: I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day).
In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.