## WHAT SHOULD I PRAY FOR? 21 Spiritual Things to Pray for Other Christians

Since God has recently been leading me to intercede more and more for others, I thought I'd better do a little study about what I should be praying for. Of course the first things that usually come to our minds when we pray for others are their health, physical protection, and their material needs. I know God wants us to pray for these things (Matthew 6:11, Acts 12:5, 2 Cor 1:10 and James 5:14-16), but as I searched the Scriptures the vast majority of prayer examples I found were spiritual in nature. I compiled a list of twenty things I saw in Scripture so I can pray better pray for the spiritual needs of others. I'd love to share it with you! Keep praying!

- 1. Thank God for them Romans 1:8, 1 Cor 1:4, Phil 1:3
- 2. God's mercy -1 Tim 1:2
- 3. Protection from evil people Rom 15:31, 2 Thess 3:2
- 4. Protection from Satan John 17:5, 2 Thess 3:3
- 5. Opportunity to witness Col 4:3
- 6. Courage in witnessing Eph 1:19-20
- 7. Right words and clarity in witnessing Eph 1:19,3:16; Col 1:11, 4:4
- 8. Spiritual strength and growth 1 Cor 1:8, 2 Cor 13:7-9, Col 4:2, 2 Thess 2:17
- 9. Increased love for and unity with other Christians John 17:21, Phil 1:9, 1 Thess 3:12
- 10. Better understanding of God's love Eph 3:17-19, 2 Thess 3:5
- 11. Joy, peace, comfort, and encouragement Col 1:11, Eph 6:23, 2 Thess 1:2 & 2:16-17
- 12. To know God better Col 1:10, Eph 1:17
- 13. Increased spiritual knowledge, wisdom & discernment Eph 1:17, Phil 1:9-10, Col 1:9
- 14. Knowledge and understanding of God's will for their life Col 1:9
- 15. To be holy, pure, and blameless John 17:17, Phil 1:10, 1 Thess 5:23
- 16. To live a life that pleases God and honors Him Col 1:10
- 17. To obediently follow God's will Col 4:12
- 18. To grow in righteousness and Christ-like character Phil 1:11
- 19. Live a life of good works that produces spiritual fruit Col 1:10
- 20. Full understanding of their eternal inheritance Eph 1:18
- 21. Stand firm in God's truth Eph 4:15