

WHAT SHOULD I PRAY FOR?

21 Spiritual Things to Pray for Other Christians



[Find more resources at kathyhoward.org](http://kathyhoward.org) When God began 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 material needs. God does want 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-one things I saw in Scripture so I can pray for the spiritual needs of others. I'd love to share it with you!

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