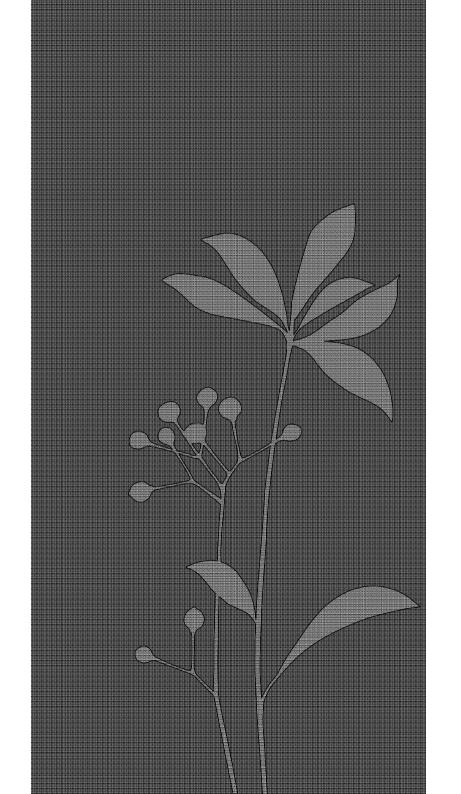
## 5 types of prayer

- Confession 1John 1:9
- Petition 1 Samuel 1:27
- Intercession Ephesians 6:18-19
- Thanksgiving Ephesians 5:20
- Praise Psalms 146:1-2





What does the bible tell us about Praying for one another.

### Pray for unity in the Church

• In John 17, Jesus sets the example of what it looks like to pray for the church. And what does he pray for? Unity. Jesus prays that his people, "may all be one united together in God".

• Philippians 2:1-4... "by being liked minded having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose".

- James 5:16 Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another.
- 1 Timothy 2:1 Prayer, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.
- Colossians 1:9 We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- Philippians 4:6
- Ecclesiastes 4:4-9
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1
- Matthew 18:19
- Acts 14:22
- Philippians 1:9-11

Paul displays his heart for the Church by praying that the people within the Church be filled with the knowledge of God's will, so that they can live for Jesus.

•Colossians 1v9 – for this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way...

•What would the Church look like if we prayed this for each other?

• ....v10, bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of all the saints in the kingdom of light.

How many people in your life could be touched if you prayed in this way?

# Ways to pray for each other according to these verses

- 1. Be thankful for each other.
- 2. Seek God's direction in our lives.
- 3. Ask for a deep spiritual understanding.
- 4. Ask God for more knowledge of himself.
- 5. Ask for strength and endurance.
- 6. Ask to be filled with joy, strength and thankfulness.
- Pray this over one another.

### What if we don't have the words to pray?

• Romans 8:26-28 - The spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

• We have to be willing to be used by God, open to his spirit. Even when we don't know the right words to pray, the Holy Spirit prays with and for you, and God answers.

• V28 - We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

#### Pray for each other

In Ephesians Chapters 1 and 3 Paul prays that God the Father will give the Spirit of God to the people within the Church. He prays that God would strengthen them in spirit, so Jesus dwells in their hearts and they are rooted in the love of Christ.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in the Church.

•Have an expectation to hear from God.

- Lift each other up
- Love one another, be open
- Listen to one another, ask for blessings and spiritual gifts
- Believe God will listen and he will do what is right and just
- Ask God to do amazing things within the lives of people we pray for, for our church and our families
- Take chances, trust, believe
- Learn to encourage and strengthen
- Comfort