

# Prayer and Praise

Week of July 5 through July 11, 2014

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Father, thank You for each and every day You have blessed us here on earth. Thank You for Your tender mercies. Thank You for giving us friends and family to share these joys with. I ask You to bless my friends, relatives, neighbors and those I care deeply. I know you care about them even more. I pray for my enemies and those who hurt me. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence. Where there is need, fulfill their needs. Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings. In Jesus' name, Amen

## Why do we pray for others?

Steve G. says: September 25, 2006 at 2:56 pm

<http://www.conversiondiary.com/2006/09/praying-for-other-people.html>

I think that more often than not, intercessory prayer works by changing us. By prompting us to do something for that person.

Lets take "Bob" for example who is praying and asking others to pray for his sister...

Maybe Bob has a group of people praying for him. And maybe some of them start pitching in with extra effort to make a difference in his, or his sister's life. Maybe more people begin visiting his sister in the hospital, sending cards, cooking meals, making calls, helping take care of her needs, etc., etc.

Maybe the kindness that all the prayer causes to be poured out is the thing that touches his sister's heart, or his heart, and draws them closer to God, or even reconciles them to God (which ultimately is God's will for each of us).

Maybe the actions that are spurred by the prayers are just what those people being prayed for (Bob and his sister) need at that time to make peace with God, with others.

Maybe on occasion, the 'miracle' of a cure occurs, but even when that is not so, it seems that the loving acts that prayer play a part in causing are small 'miracle' of their own.

I think it helps to remember that all prayer, even prayer for others, is primarily about changing ourselves. That's why for my part, when I pray, I try to think if there is anything in particular that I can do for those for whom I am praying. That seems to fulfill the spirit of what prayer is really about more fully than just listing off the names of people I care for.

But even when that's all I can do, maybe I am joining my own prayers and petition with others who are praying for that person who are in a better position to truly help that person.

And even when we can do nothing other than offer our sympathy through prayer, even that in itself is 'something' that we do for that person.

**Our Father, We pray the prayer of intercession for your loved ones...**

Gertie Unterseher has passed away. More details can be found on Debbie Unterseher's Facebook. We understand the memorial services will be out of state.

Cards of Sympathy may be mailed to:  
Alan and Debbie Unterseher  
Ashley and Kristen  
5730 Pawnee Street  
Lincoln, NE 38506

Linda Becker who is doing better with her health issues but still needs prayer.

Families / Marriages / Kids

The silent requests in our hearts.

Those with financial needs or needs for better jobs.

For Vacation Bible School staff, supplies, enough helpers, your Holy Spirit, and good attendance.

**Father we praise you for answering our prayers:**

Hadley Elizabeth Huggins, arrived about 7:30pm, Wednesday, July 9, 2014, weighing in at 5 lbs and 5 oz, and 19 inches. Mom, Dad and baby are doing fine. Please limit visitation until after the weekend. Rachel has had a trying 48 hours and is recovering from a C-Section and because Hadley is premature she is still under special care. Thank you, God, for this new life. Help us to be good friends to her and of a good influence to her as she grows up.

Doreen Opp is doing better at this time and her pain is under control at this time.

