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“What are you praying for?” by Gary Wheeler

A young boy was observed by a minister in church praying very fervently; but much to the preacher’s surprise, he was also heard to say from time to time: “Tokyo, Tokyo, Tokyo.” So preacher approached the boy after he had apparently finished his prayer and said, “Son, I was very pleased to see you praying so devoutly, but tell me, why did you keep saying ‘Tokyo, Tokyo, Tokyo?’” The boy replied, “Well, you see sir, I just finished taking my geography test in school, and I have been praying for the Lord to make Tokyo the Capital of France.”

We believe in prayer. Christians devote time and resources to the activity of prayer. On any given Sunday, there will be at least 5 prayers spoken. The most memorized section of Scripture is not John 3:16, but the Lord’s Prayer. We pray for our children. We pray when the nurse is drawing blood or taking our blood pressure. (What, you don’t do that?) We pray in foxholes. We pray when the State Troopers lights are flashing and we think it might be us.

I was sitting in a seminar learning how to have a deeper prayer life when the question was posed, “What is prayer?” It made me think beyond the superficiality of the easy answer to get to the crux of what prayer really is.

I don’t know about you, but I have been doing some big praying lately: for Hurricane victims, for needs within my family and church, for our nation, and for peace in the world.

Many use a list as an aid to prayer. By keeping of list of daily prayers and concerns, the Christian can remember not only those immediate needs, but also reoccurring topics of prayer, from missionaries to family members to the Church, and yes, our Ashram. Another benefit of keeping a prayer list is to see “what you have partaken”; those answers to prayer that you have seen work through the miraculous grace of God. A prayer list can be a menu of the blessings of God than feed your faith, sustain your hope, and direct your path.

Of course, praying is a vital spiritual discipline and action at the Ashram. We know that powerful spiritual things happen when people pray during the prayer vigil. The prayer groups bring us closer together and help us be more specific in our mutual prayer. Having a prayer partner keeps us connected throughout the year despite the miles between us.

Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, “We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” And over an over again in his letters he mentions that he is praying for his readers.

Billy Graham once said, “Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.” So pray, and pray big!



- > Pray for your Prayer Partner!
- > Pray for the Board of Twelve meeting on October 28 as they review and make plans for the 2018 Ashram.
- > Pray for the speakers who are being contacted for the 2018 & 2019 Ashrams.
- > For the Western Pennsylvania Ashram, Hopwood, PA, October 13-15



“Pug” Twins Gary & Lyla

2018 Ashram Dates: August 2-5

"Best Practices for Prayer Partners" by Raymond and Linda Jackson

Special Dates



Birthdays

10/2 Karen Tucker
10/5 Gary Hansford
10/7 Stanley Lough
10/11 Eric Tucker



Anniversary

10/12 Angie &
Lance Comer



October's Stanley
Snippet:

"All of Christ's ways
become the Way — for
everybody,
everywhere."
E. Stanley Jones, "The
Way."

It's important to let your prayer partner know that you are praying for them so they will know that they are not alone in going through whatever it is they have to face. Knowing that someone is interceding on your behalf with the heavenly father can energize your strength and your faith.

If possible try to keep in touch with your prayer partner by telephone calls, emails and even snail mail (post office mail) periodically. Everyone likes to get mail or calls.

Being committed to praying daily for your prayer partner is the most important thing you can do on behalf of the recipient of your prayers. Power, hope, encouragement and peace can immediately be dispatched to your prayer

partner wherever he or she is. Even if they are hundreds of miles away, your personal prayer for your prayer partner can and will reach its destination and meet the needs of the one you are praying for.

Ask your prayer partner specifically what needs they have and what areas they'd like you to pray for. By praying for their specific prayer request and needs you'll be able to zero in and direct your prayers where they are needed most.

During the day or in the middle of the night if your prayer partner comes to your mind, then immediately whisper a prayer for them. The Holy Spirit has brought him or her to your mind for a reason. So do not negate this opportunity to lift them up in your prayers.

"God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil." - Mother Teresa

Short Notes

- ◆ **Get your Information Sheet In:** An information sheet was sent out to gather information within our Ashram family. If you have lost yours or did not receive one, [click here](#) to download.
- ◆ **Board of Twelve address corrections:** Scott Heath's correct home address is 96 Chapel St. Evelyn Rogers' correct home address is 437 Court Ave.
- ◆ **Do you have any pictures from previous ashrams?** [Email](#) them to Gary, and he can put them in the "[Past Ashrams](#)" section of the website: www.mountaineerashram.org.
- ◆ **On Facebook?** Are you on Facebook? Have you join our Ashram group? If not, [click here](#).



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