

What Does Righteous Prayer Look Like:

• The prayer is _____
“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.”
(Matthew 6:5 NIV)

• The prayer is _____
“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name...” (Matthew 6:9 NLT)

• The prayer is _____
“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” (Hebrews 4:16 NLT)

2. Care for the sick by refocusing their attention to

“My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, so you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.” (James 5: 19-20 NLT)

Tangible ways to Care for the Sick:

Pastoral Care Ministry
Join a Group within the Church
Regional, National, and Global Prayer Initiative
Birthday Card to: Danny Nickerson PO Box 212 Foxboro, MA 02035
Robust Benevolence Fund

My Next Steps:

- A. Read all of *James 5*
- B. Memorize Hebrews 4:16 & James 5:15
- C. Seek to Help support the Benevolence Fund
- D. Return for next week's message



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Caring Enough to Help The Sick

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"

— Romans 10:14 NLT

Sick: (astheneo) to be weak, feeble, without strength, powerless

Examples of Sickness in the Bible: (Physical, Moral, Spiritual)

Peter's mother-in-law was powerless with a high fever Luke 4:38

Hemorrhaging woman was ill for twelve years Luke 8:43

Moses was weak from keeping his arms up as Israel battled Amalek Exodus 17:12

David was unsteady because of scamming Psalm 51

Jerusalem & Philippi churches had need because of persecution 2 Corinthians 8:1-2

Paul experienced intense weakness 2: Corinthians 12:8

Command of Care for the Sick:

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

(Galatians 6:2 NKJV)

1. Care for the sick with righteous _____

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. ¹⁷ Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! ¹⁸ Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops."

(James 5:13-18 NLT)