

Daily Devotion For October 17, 2022

Pray in the Spirit **on all occasions**. . . . With this in mind, be alert and **always keep on praying for all the Lord's people**. Ephesians 6:18.

A great benefit of the Christian community is that believers in Christ pray for one another. Ephesians 6:18 urges us to pray "**on all occasions**" and "**for all the Lord's people**" always. This is important because amid all the activities and busyness we may face each day, we're in a struggle against evil. The forces of evil do not want us to love and pray for one another.

Praying for others is a pattern seen throughout Scripture— from Moses' praying that God would be merciful to his people (Deuteronomy 9:26), to various psalms of David, to Daniel's prayer that God's people be freed from exile (Daniel 9), to the prayers of Jesus throughout his ministry, and to the prayers of his apostles for believers everywhere. The apostle Paul, for example, begins his letter to the Philippian Christians by assuring them that he is praying for them (Philippians 1:3-6).

There are so many people and situations we can pray for. When someone comes to mind, it may be that the Spirit is nudging you to pray. Praying may come more naturally to some than to others. But all of us can pray for others. All we need is to be open to the leading of God's Spirit.

Thought For Today: How often are you praying for others? Remember, it's an important part of fulfilling Christ's command to love one another each day. Who will you pray for today?

Today's Prayer Focus: Who is it that the Lord is calling you to pray for today? Take time throughout the day to pray for those the Lord brings to mind. Deo Volente.