

# 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1

## LESSON 3

### ALWAYS PRAY FOR THE BRETHREN

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#### THREE THINGS THAT WILL KEEP YOU LOVING THE BRETHREN

1. Thank God for all your brothers and sisters in Christ (vs. 3).
  2. Glory in (brag on) your brothers and sisters in Christ (vs. 4).
  3. Pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ (vs. 11).
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**WHY DO WE PRAY?** Praying is communicating with God. In any relationship, communication is important.

Church attendance, Bible reading, Bible study, witnessing, preaching, serving, etc. are right and proper and commanded by the Lord, but those activities do not replace prayer. We must talk to Jesus.

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**PRAY FOR OTHERS.** Throughout the New Testament we find the Apostle Paul praying for the brethren, not himself.

**“We pray always for YOU.”** How often is always? It isn’t defined, but we should consider it as an investment. The more time we invest praying for someone, the more we will love, care for, and be interested in that person.

If we pray for someone, our heart will be changed toward them. We’ll be willing to put up with their faults (be longsuffering) because our heart is invested in them.

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**WHAT TO PRAY.** Pray for God’s goodness to be bestowed upon a brother or sister (instead of yourself).  
Pray for someone’s faith to be increased resulting in the manifestation of God’s power.  
Pray that Jesus Christ will be glorified in the life of a certain brother or sister. This includes avoiding sin and staying pure.

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**RESULTS OF PRAYER** Investing in God's children in prayer will help you to finish your course.

Praying for someone can prevent them from wandering away from God and straying into sin. Don't wait till it's too late!

Praying for someone will make you love and care more for them and take an interest in them.

When you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ, you'll reach the lost with the Gospel more effectively and you won't quit till Jesus comes.

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