

## VERTICAL

### How to Pray for Others

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“... pray for each other...” James 5:16

“About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. He had the apostle James (John’s brother) killed with a sword. When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish leaders, he arrested Peter during the Passover celebration and imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod’s intention was to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.” Acts 12:1-5 (New Living Translation)

### PRAYERS THAT BLESS ANSWER FOUR FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS:

#### WHEN I PRAY...

##### 1. IS IT ALL \_\_\_\_\_ OR NOT?

“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don’t even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray...” Romans 8:26 (New Living Translation)

#### WHEN YOU PRAY, YOU CAN \_\_\_\_\_

##### 2. SHOULD I BE \_\_\_\_\_ OR NOT?

“God’s Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don’t know how or what to pray, it doesn’t matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans...” Romans 8:26 (The Message)

#### WHEN YOU PRAY, YOU CAN BE \_\_\_\_\_

##### 3. IS PRAYER \_\_\_\_\_ OR NOT?

“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

“When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sorrow.” Romans 12:15 (New Living Translation)

#### WHEN YOU PRAY, \_\_\_\_\_

##### 4. CAN I \_\_\_\_\_ OR NOT?

#### Look at the Prayer Busters:

- **Prayerlessness-** “You do not have because you do not ask God.” James 4:2
- **Selfishness-** “When you ask you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives.” James 4:3
- \_\_\_\_\_ - “Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Isaiah 59:2
- **Broken relationships-** “This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back...” Matthew 5:23,24 (The Message)

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Faith is believing God is working if for no other reason than the fact He has promised He would.

**I WILL PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AND AS GOD GIVES ME  
THE OPPORTUNITY I WILL LEAD THIS PERSON IN A PRAYER TO RECEIVE JESUS.**