



**PRAYING FOR IMPACT**  
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## Interceding for Our Communities

*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11. If anyone speaks, they should do so as speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do it with the strength that God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever Amen. 1 Peter 4:8-11 (NIV)*

**A. What does the Bible say about praying IN (believers) community?**

***When We Pray Together, We Experience God's Presence: For where two or three gathered together as my followers, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20 (NLT)***

**B. Example verses about helping the community?**

***"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10***

**Some Bible verses about helping others in need. As you / we are commanded to Love one another as believers, you / we also likewise are commanded to serve and help others in the Community.**

**Galatians 5:13....**

**Proverbs 19:17....**

**Galatians 6:2....**

**Hebrews 13:16....**

**John 15:12-14....**


**Romans 12:13....**




**Why is it important to Pray together IN Community? (among the saints)**

**Have you considered a Prayer walk through the Community you serve?**

**Consider the great example displayed by Jesus as He walked through the communities of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century. People were healed and delivered from all types of maladies, saved from their sins, and experienced the compassion from the Savior of the world.**





**Matthew recorded what Jesus requires of us who are His disciples and our response to our neighbors and the communities we serve which will honor Him.**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ **Matthew 25: 31-40 (NIV)**

## The healing of our community (land)

***14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (NIV)***

### Prayer Focus for the Impact on our Community:

- **Unhoused / Homelessness**
- **Mental Health Issues**
- **Drugs: Usage & Sales**
- **Human Sex Trafficking**
- **School Shootings**
- **Youth perpetrated Violence (weapons, car theft, snatch & grab etc.)**
- **Families in despair**
- **Spiritual Warfare**
- **Salvation**
- **Healthy Food**
- **Compassionate Policing**
- **Our elected Civic Council members of our community district work to eradicate the social ills that plague our area of blight.**