

Hello! This is Dorothy -

The greatest gift we could ever receive from a friend is to hear them say, "I pray daily for you." When God does a mighty work in a life or in a group of people, you can always be assured that somebody somewhere was praying. So often we don't know who these people are. We don't realize who was praying before we came to personally receive the Lord Jesus Christ. Literally, the work of the Lord is accomplished through prayer. Therefore, God is perhaps speaking to your heart in a new way today. He is calling you out to say that He is the Lord Jesus, the Intercessor in Heaven, and He wants you to be available that He will pray through you, that He will pray for people, and that He will reach the lives that want to be set free. God works as we turn to Him in believing prayer.

Colossians chapter 4, verses 2 through 4 -

2 Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving. Guard against unbelief and carelessness of soul. The prayer of faith produces thanksgiving by the very reason of its confidence in Almighty God.

3 And at the same time pray for us also, -this is Paul

speaking - he was in prison - that God may open a door to us for the Word (the Gospel. . . - He was not saying, "Open the door to get me out of this prison," but he wants opportunities in every situation to have the chance to share - . . . to proclaim the mystery concerning Christ, (the Messiah) on account of which I am in prison. -I am in prison here, but, Lord, give me every opportunity. It has been well said the greatest opportunities occurred because he was in prison — we have these writings to the people in Colossae, the **Book of Colossians**, and other "prison epistles."

4 That I - Paul - may proclaim it fully and make it clear (speak boldly and unfold that mystery) . . . -and then it goes on to say - as is my duty. What is your duty? If you are in Christ Jesus, it is your duty, by prayer to present those people who God brings across your path or lays upon your heart. It is your duty to present clearly that which is from the Word of the wonderful fact that Jesus loves them and Jesus dies for them. It is your duty to share this great amazing mystery now revealed.

For the believer — those of us who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ — our very breath, our vital breath, is surely prayer. We need to pray just as we breathe. It is not just on certain occasions at certain set meetings. It is something that should be taking place all day long. It is as we are speaking unto the Lord as He brings things upon our heart in multiple occasions of the day, not only in

the task you are fulfilling, but in those very things that He puts upon your heart that have an urgency to pray for others. Pray to the Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus. But you say, “I cannot find that prayer is easy for me.” Well, could it be there is sin in the life — sin that has never been dealt with and confessed? Ask the Holy Spirit to make it very clear what that sin is. Could it be that you are not reading the Word of God? You have stopped listening to the Lord? It is when you pray, that you take the Word of God and pray about what the Lord is saying. You are praying His language. You are making that the application to your life. You also are praying as the example for other people in the way you are reading about. You can come to the Lord and ask Him to make the Word of God alive to your heart when your heart is clean and restored. He wants to do that. Get right with Him at this moment. If He is speaking to you about this, just make it right. Turn to the Word and return again to knowing the wonder of Him praying through you.

Scripture not only exhorts us to pray, but actually commands us to pray. It says -

Men ought always to pray and not to faint.

Pray without ceasing.

Pray in the Holy Spirit.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians from prison, God knew exactly the prison he was to be in. He knew exactly the prison guards. Those people chained to him were some of those who, in turn, came to know Christ and they, in turn, had an impact on Caesar's palace. You see, I often think God works through the back door. So wherever you are, remember you were put there to start praying for the people around. I have news for you: Satan hates you to pray! Satan hates that you set lives free by prayer. If only by prayer and faith that can Satan be turned around from the situation of bondage in perhaps your community or even your house, it could be that this spiritual warfare is what you are dreading. Perhaps you sense, "Satan is so big and I can't deal with him!" No, you can't, but Jesus can! Jesus, through you, has gotten the victory over Satan and wants to set people free.

Oh, dear friend, do you realize who is the poorest person in the whole wide world? It is the person who nobody has prayed for. Why don't you pray for that one even today?

In the lovely Name of Jesus. Amen.