

WHY PRAY FOR ONE

Over the past couple months we have been teaching about the importance of prayer... **part of this Emphasis is our regular call for the church to pray for one.** Meaning we are praying for someone by name that Lord has impressed upon our heart to receive Jesus as their Savior or for those who have walked away from their faith to return

Today I want to discuss with you why we should pray for one.

Why pray for one? **The Character of God**

God is good.

Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control... (NKJV)

Romans 2:4 ... God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance. (NIV)

John 14:6... "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (NIV)

John 3:16 - whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)

Romans 10:13 - Whoever calls on the name of the lord will be saved. (NKJV)

Matthew 11:28 - Come unto me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest. (NKJV)

When you view God in His kindness you see He is **absolutely inclusive**...

2 Peter 3:9 – God is not willing that any should perish, but that **all** should come to repentance. (NKJV)

Revelation 22:17 – The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” **Let anyone** who hears this say, “Come.” **Let anyone** who is thirsty come. **Let anyone** who desires drink freely from the water of life. (NLT)

We pray for one because of the character of God.... He is good, genuinely good and is reaching out to people with His offer of eternal life to people who live in a world that is void of true goodness.

Why pray for one? **The Integrity of God**

God is just.

Isaiah 53: He truly bore our sin in His body on the cross

1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sin...**He is faithful and just** to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (NKJV)

Why pray for one? He is **faithful and just** to forgive

TCC- When we pray for one we can be confident in His integrity and His reliability to forgive us... **because He is just**

Why pray for one? **The Heart of God**

God is love.

John 3:16 – **For God so loved the world**

Ephesians 3:19 – Tells us the love of God surpasses all knowledge (NKJV)

Psalms 139:17-18 How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me. And when I waken in the morning, you are still thinking of me! (TLB)

TCC – **Why pray for one?... it is the depth of the love of God...**

2 Corinthians 5:14 – ...the love of God compels us

TCC- it is more than motivation ...This kind of love comes from the very person of God... God is good... God is just... God is love. When we pray for one, we are engaging in that kind of love.

1 John 3:1 – Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. (Berean Study Bible)

Ephesians 3:17-19 And I pray that you, being rooted and **established in love**, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, **to grasp** how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and **to know this love** that surpasses knowledge... (NIV)

Why pray for one? God is good... God is just... God is love.