



When Praying is All You Can Do

By Pastor Jason Triplett

Have you ever been in a situation you cannot change? It could be that someone you love is hurting and you cannot get to them to comfort them, serve them, or take away their struggle. Maybe it's a tragedy that simply happened. It's real, it's extremely difficult and you can do nothing but endure it. Sometimes it feels like each arm is tied down, your legs are bound, and you can do nothing to alleviate the inevitable sting that comes with life.

But Christians, in all situations, are able to do at least one thing. We have the abundant blessing of being able to pray. This blessing is inexhaustible. We see this teaching about prayer in the book of Romans:

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

Romans 8:26-27 (ESV)

What a blessing! Even when we are in an unchangeable situation, when we can't help that our loved ones are hurting or when we don't know what to pray, prayer is available to us. The promise of God in the book of Romans is that His Spirit knows our hearts. When our hearts break, we bring ourselves to prayer and the Spirit of God will intercede for us, helping us to pray. Sometimes when the weight of struggle is all too much, the Spirit walks with us step by step as we search for words in prayer.

This is how much He loves us! The will of God is for His Spirit to labor on our behalf when the battle of life threatens to overtake us. We cannot lose because God always wins, but we must be taught how to fight the battle.

We must learn that when praying is all you can do, it is enough to pray. God's blessing of His will in prayer is how we can claim the many places in scripture that command it. Scriptures like:

*"pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication...."*¹

*"pray without ceasing,"*²

*"...they ought always to pray and not lose heart."*³

*"but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*⁴

The circumstances of life might cause us to think we are helpless. But we have the finest armament in the arsenal, and we don't have to lift a finger to use it. Simply talk to God and when you don't know what to say, listen, God promises that His Holy Spirit will help you.

¹ Ephesians 6:18

² 1 Thessalonians 5:17

³ Luke 18:1

⁴ Philippians 4:6



PROMOTION SUNDAY!
Sun. Sept. 12th

WORSHIP
LED BY THE
RCC YOUTH
WORSHIP
TEAM

ALL Participants in
RCC KidMin & Student
Ministries can move up
one Grade Level

Middle & High School students
YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF
5:30 - 7:30 Sunday Sept 12
at Schuy-Rush Park



Jadon Louis Malone

Born 7/19/21
Congratulations
Nick & Jessica Malone

Charlotte Rose Little

Born 8/17/21
Congratulations
Matt & Emily Little

THE SEARCH CONTINUES...

Please continue to pray
with us as we search for an
Additional Minister to serve
with RCC.

Thanks! The RCC Elders

LADIES BIBLE
STUDY

Coming soon!

MEN'S GROUP
Thursdays - 7:00

AUGUST
OFFERINGS:

Aug 1 -	\$ 3454.67
Aug 8 -	\$ 2708.00
Aug 15 -	\$ 1116.90
Aug 22 -	\$ 2155.67
Aug 29 -	\$ 511.01

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Prayers & Praises

Updated: 8/30/2021

Leaders of our country & military as we face the crisis in Afghanistan

Unity in Schuyler County

Families affected by Covid at this time:
Brubaker's/Kessler's/ Lacey's grandma/
Rector's

Families affected by governmental mandates of vaccine

Sara Barrientos - Auto immune disorder

Emily Norton-Little - Blood Pressure still high

Family of Sylvia DeCroix

Brian Ralston health

Nathan Ralston

Garrett Collins - Cancer

10 year old James Pax (Thelma's cousin's grandson) has Stage 4 Cancer

Rick Ashcraft - Cancer

Janet Detrick - Cancer

Alisha's grandmother - Cancer

Thelma - health

Kailey Orwig - deployed to South Korea

Abigail Norton - deployed to Africa

Church Building Need

Liz Wood - completed Cancer treatments!

Dan Norton - stroke recovery

Update from the Barton's

Aug 28

It's been a stressful week but I'm thankful for God's help and the fact that we have such amazing supporters praying for us as well as close friends to lean on and help us through. I'm glad to report that Anna is doing better. She had to get poked an awful lot but she finally has a picc line in (after 3 attempts!) which will stay in until she finishes her course of antibiotics. We are on day 6 of 14. They are finally going to increase her feedings today and she has been nursing well. We've really gotten to know the doctors and nurses here having spent 85s so far in the NICU. The girls have really endeared themselves to our nurses who fight over who gets to take care of them! :) I'm so thankful to have had such excellent care from people who see us as more than just a patient or a chart. We're still waiting for the girls to gain endurance for feeding by mouth. But I am praying that by the time Anna is finished with her antibiotics, we will have the feeding thing down! Will you pray that too? Thanks isn't enough Love, Megan



Prayer Requests can be submitted and updated through the online Prayer card. Find it at rushvillechurchofchrist.com

