

Ministry of Prayer

We have celebrated the life of one we have been praying for this month. We had been forewarned of complications for Nathaniel S. We were praying while he was still in the womb. Upon birth, it was quickly determined that he needed surgery. After several surgeries, he is home and doing fine.

Most of the time, we cannot know if God works differently because of our prayers. What we DO know is that God calls us to help those in need, and one major way of helping is to lift the needs of people up to the throne of grace where Christ's followers are welcomed to come. Our responsibility is to pray.

We have just recently reworked our Emergency Prayer Chain. This list of people have agreed to pray for people needs any time of week that they come to our attention.

You who have volunteered to hear, pass on, and pray for these needs, are making a difference. We believe this is true because God calls us to believe in His power and to pray for His will to be done in each life, each need.

You are making a difference in the lives of people in need. It may be YOUR sacrificial prayer that God is waiting to hear voiced for this person in need. It may be YOUR prayer, or your prayer along with others that makes a difference for this specific person in need.

You are making a difference for your church as we become a church that people can turn to for prayer. The simple act of listening to someone's need and agreeing to pray for them is more attention than many people can count on from strangers. In the last year we have heard of several unbelievers, family of church members, who have come to believe in our prayers. Let us keep faithful to this important ministry.

You are making a difference in you. The best thing we can do for ourselves is to sacrifice self in order to help others. This is the example that Jesus set for us. When we do so we grow spiritually through this ministry, our self-value is raised, and God shapes us a little bit more into the image of Christ.

So thank you to those who are taking up the ministry of emergency prayer. Together you are making a big difference in God's kingdom.

-- pastor Robin