

God's _____ is _____.

Be persistent and devoted to prayer, being alert and focused in your prayer life with an attitude of thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2 (AMP)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ⁹Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:6-7; 9 (NLT)

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

1 Timothy 2:1 (NLT)

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. ²⁸And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:26-28 (NLT)

Pray for those you are _____ with.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

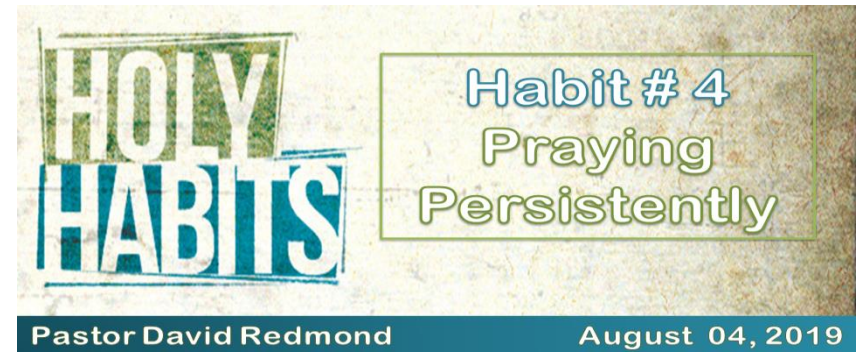
Pray for your spiritual _____.

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me...Ephesians 6:19a (NIV)

Pray for someone who needs the _____.

... make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephesians 6:19b (NIV)

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Habit #1 Applying Scripture
Habit #2 Worshiping Passionately
Habit #3 Cultivating Thankfulness
Habit #4 Praying Persistently

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*Rejoice always and delight in your faith;
¹⁷ be unceasing and persistent in prayer;
¹⁸ in every situation [no matter what the circumstances]
be thankful and continually give thanks to God; for this is
the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)*

*Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God,
for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ,
with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment
of his mercies. (Westminster Shorter Catechism)*

***“Prayer is not a preparation for the battle;
it is the battle!” (Leonard Ravenhill)***

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.
Ephesians 6:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NIV)

Persistent prayer is the means through which...

God's _____ are _____.

"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him." Luke 11:9-13 (NLT)

"And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." Luke 24:49 (NLT)

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. II Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)

"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayer-less studies, prayer-less work and prayer-less religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."
(Samuel Chadwick)

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Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. ⁴ Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Colossians 4:3-4 (NLT)

The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]. James 5:16b (AMP)

Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 (AMP)

"Prayer puts God's work in His hands, and keeps it there. It looks to Him constantly and depends on Him implicitly to further His own cause. Prayer is but faith resting in, acting with, and leaning on and obeying God. This is why God loves it so well, why He puts all power into its hands, and why He so highly esteems men of prayer." (E.M. Bounds)

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While Jeremiah was still confined in the courtyard of the guard, the word of the LORD came to him a second time: ² "This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it—the LORD is his name: ³ 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:2-3 (NIV)

Now Jesus was telling the disciples a parable to make the point that at all times they ought to pray and not give up and lose heart, ⁸ "...However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [this kind of persistent] faith on the earth?" Luke 18:1, 8b (AMP)

"Our prayer expresses our commitment to Christ. By talking to God we affirm our basic decision to depend on Him." (David Hubbard)