**I AM REQUESTING PRAYER**

**Philippians 4:6-7**

[**6**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-4-6/)**Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

[**7**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-4-7/)**And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

**INTRO:**

**1. At church we make our prayer requests known.**

**2. Online through social media and email we make our prayer requests known.**

**3. I encourage you to let your requests be known so others can help you pray.**

**4. However, we must not just make our requests be known to others; our text says that we must let our requests be made known to God. God is the only one that can do something about it anyway!**

**5. Do not request prayer and never pray about it to the Lord.**

**6. The world is so churchy that I’ve seen people who live in sin and away from God say, “I’ll pray for you,” or, “You’re in my prayers.” It is nice and sweet, and they mean well; however, that’s not even worth an sixteenth of a penny!**

**7. I want to be a Christian that has a close relationship with God to where I can make my own requests made known to God.**

**8. I want other Christians who knows how to ring the prayer bells of heaven and knows how to make my requests made known unto God as well!**

**9. Be that Christian that has the relationship with God and knows how to pray to God!**

**HOW SHOULD WE MAKE OUR REQUESTS KNOWN UNTO GOD?**

**\*\*Matthew 6:6, “But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”**

**Lets break this verse down, and notice:
 1. The Period Of Prayer - “When thou prayest”**

**\*\*The time period should be Expected, Established, and Everyday.
 2. The Place Of Prayer - “Enter into thy closet,”**

**\*\*Make your place of prayer a Certain Place and a Consistent Place
 3. The Privacy Of Prayer - “Shut thy door”, “in secret”**

 **a. Shut Off the Noise of the World and pray in secret.**

 **b. Shut Out the Nuisances of the World and pray in secret.**

 **4. The Person Of Prayer - “Pray to thy Father,”**

**\*\*Make sure you are talking to the one and only Heavenly Father and Holy Father – the Lord God Jesus Christ!
 5. The Promise Of Prayer - “thy Father...shall reward thee openly.”**

**\*\*He promised to compensate you for praying with rewards of Benefits, Blessings, and Bonuses!**

 **John 15:7, “If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, then ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.”
\*\*By the way, there’s not one thing wrong with asking others to pray for you. I Thessalonians 5:25 “Brethern, pray for us.” Paul requested pray many times.**

**SO TODAY I AM REQUESTING PRAYER**

**I. I AM REQUESTING PRAYER FOR PEOPLE**

**I Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;**

 **A. Pray for the Sinner**

**\*\*We need to pray the prayer that was prayed in**

**Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**

**1. Pray for Lost Sinners 2. Pray for Lonely Sinners**

**3. Pray for Losing Sinners**

**\*\*Sinners are still lost, and the Saved have stop praying.**

 **B. Pray for the Sick**

**James 5:15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;**

 **1. Pray that God Restores their Health**

 **2. Pray that God Restores their Hope**

 **C. Pray for the Soldiers**

 **1. Pray for Faulty Soldiers**

**James 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

 **2. Pray for Faithful Soldiers**

**Colossians 1:9-10** [**9**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-9/)**For this cause we also, . . . do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;** [**10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Colossians-1-10/)**That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work**

**\*\*I’m requesting prayer for the Sinner, the Sick, and the Soldiers.**

**II. I AM REQUESTING PRAYER FOR PLACES**

**I John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

**\*\*It is a privilege as a Christian to be able to ask God for His will concerning particular places in our lives.**

**\*\*I want us to take advantage of the privilege.**

 **A. I Am Requesting Prayer for the Church House**

 **1. Pray that this church will stay Scriptural**

**II Timothy 4:2-4 2**[**Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-2/) **3**[**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-3/) **4**[**And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Timothy-4-4/)

 **2. Pray that this church will stay Spiritual**

**Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:**

 **3. Pray that this church will stay Supplied**

 **a. Pray that the Church will be Supplied with Faithfulness**

 **\*Walk faithfully into Church**

 **\*Worship faithfully in Church**

 **\*Work faithfully in Church**

 **b. Pray that the Church will be Supplied with Finances**

 **\*Funds are needed for the Church’s Ministry**

 **\*Funds are needed for the Church’s Missionaries**

 **c. Pray that the Church will be Supplied with Families**

**\*\*Families that love Sunday School, Singing, Sermons, and the Spirit.**

 **B. I Am Requesting Prayer for the Christian Home**

**II Samuel 7:29 29**[**Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken [it]: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Samuel-7-29/)

 **1. Pray for the Companions of the Household**

 **a. I’m praying that you are filled with the Sovereign Lord**

 **b. I’m praying that you are filled with the Spirit’s Love**

 **2. Pray for the Children of the Household**

 **a. I’m praying for their Souls.**

 **b. I’m praying for their Salvation.**

 **c. I’m praying for their Steps.**

**\*\*I am requesting prayer for the Church House and the Christian Home!**

**III. I AM REQUESTING PRAYER FOR POWER**

**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:**

**\*\*I am requesting prayer that the Holy Ghost will give me -**

 **A. Power to Live for the Lord**

 **1. Let’s pray that God will help us to live Spirit-filled!**

 **2. Let’s pray that God will help us to live Sanctified!**

 **B. Power to Labor for the Lord**

 **1. Pray that our Labor won’t be in Vain**

 **2. Pray that our Labor will be in Victory**

 **C. Power to Love for the Lord**

 **1. Let’s pray that we have a deep love for Christ.**

 **2. Let’s pray that we have a deep love for Church.**

 **3. Let’s pray that we have a deep love for Christians.**

**\*\* I am requesting prayer that we Live for the Lord, Labor for the Lord, and Love for the Lord!**

**Illustration: All of us at some point are barren, empty, and dry. We desire to come to God and be filled. Whatever you bring to the altar to be filled reflects your faith. So what do you bring to the altar to be filled? Is it just a cup? Is it a bucket? Is it a wash tub? Or is it a barrel? Or do you bring anything at all? No matter the size of your emptiness God is able to fill it up to the brim if you only will ask.**

**CLOSE**

**1. When you ask me to pray for you I take your prayer requests seriously, and I sincerely pray for you.**

**2. Will you take my prayer requests seriously today?**

**3. Don’t take what I have said as just another sermon. Receive it as a real prayer request and come help me pray about these things concerning people, places, and power.**

**4. Let’s pray about a real move of God through the Holy Spirit!**