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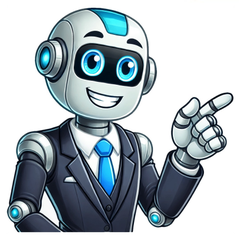

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The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. God calls every believer to pray. Prayer isn't an obligation or religious duty but part of our purpose. We're all responsible to use the privilege of access to the throne room of the Father to help ourselves and others. Jesus gives us models for prayer and instructions. Following his teaching, our intercession can have a meaningful impact. At the same time, we waste time if we pray in the wrong ways. As one such instruction for prayer's great impact, the Bible tells us, "The prayer of a righteous man avails much." This element of prayer challenges us and likely convicts us. What does this tell us about prayer and our calling to intercede for others? Where Does the Bible Say the Prayer of a Righteous Man Avails Much? "The prayer of a righteous man avails much" comes from James 5:16. James (half-brother of Jesus and a Jerusalem church leader) writes his letter to Jewish Christians in the Roman Empire. Probably written around AD 44-49, it's one of the earliest New Testament writings. Key themes include the relationship between faith and works, perseverance through trials, the power of controlling speech, and living a holy life.Chapter 5 involves faith, the community, and prayer's importance during times of suffering and sin. James begins by calling the suffering to pray and the cheerful to sing praises. For the sick, James tells the church elders to pray over them along with anointing with oil in the name of the Lord. Such prayer in faith, he says, will heal the sick. Along with prayer, he encourages confessing sin in order to achieve restoration with God and others. Along with this restoration, James writes, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." He connects restoration of righteousness in the community with prayer that works.The Greek word here for righteous is dikaios, meaning a person who is just, upright, and in right standing with God. This supports the context and describes the character of the intercessor. The term avails is translated from the Greek ischyo, which means "to be strong, prevail, or have power." This availing prayer endures and has victory. A righteous person's prayer achieves much through God's intervention.After this statement, James uses the narrative of Elijah to serve as an example. The prophet, although personally frail, obeyed God and prayed fervently, and his prayers controlled the rain in Israel. Elijah's ministry showed the power of prayer within God's will.What is the Symbolism of Priests under the Law? The Old Testament provides a background for what God expects of intercessors. In the Mosaic Law, God instructed priests to stand as mediators between God and his people. The Levitical priesthood is full of symbolism and instruction to show us how they needed to be holy to approach God. Priests came from the tribe of Levi, and their duties included offering sacrifices, sustaining the Tabernacle, and standing before God for the people. However, before the priests could serve, they needed to be sanctified and purified for their holy (set-apart) role. Purification involved being washed with water, symbolizing cleansing from sin, like a baptism. No one can approach God without being made clean. Priests then wore sacred garments according to God's specifications. These garments symbolized righteousness, holiness, and how all twelve tribes stood with them (through the breastpiece). Sanctification followed with anointing with oil and blood and making sacrifices. The oil symbolized the Holy Spirit. The sin offering provided atonement for sins and dedicated them to God for service. Once purified and sanctified, priests could then intercede for the people. They offered sacrifices on the peoples' behalf. The high priest particularly could enter the most holy place once a year on the Day of Atonement. There, he would sprinkle blood upon the mercy seat to atone for the sins of Israel, symbolizing direct intercession before the throne of God in heaven. All this symbolism teaches a combination of God allowing a way for intercession and how humanity needed to participate in righteousness and holiness. A non-set-apart person could not approach God. Now, under the New Covenant, Jesus becomes the substance of the symbol. He's the High Priest, offering himself as the Lamb of God, once for all. This leads to eternal redemption. What Verses Support the Importance of Righteousness in Prayer? Several verses in the Bible support the truth of how righteousness plays a key role in victorious prayer. As the wisdom of Proverbs 15:29 says, "The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous." Also, Psalm 34:15 tells us, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are attentive to their cry." The righteous have a closer relationship with God and can properly pray for others. The Old Testament gives examples of people whose righteous character positioned them as special intercessors. In Ezekiel 14:14, God explains how he won't turn back from his judgment, since Judah's sin was so great. As proof, the Lord states, "Even if these three men—Noah, Daniel, and Job—were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness." These three men had a legendary, transformative status before God. Noah was known as the only righteous man "in his generation." Daniel's faith led to his ability to interpret dreams and endure persecution in Babylon and Persia. God praised Job's righteousness in a conversation with the Devil. These passages support how righteousness through faith and obedience allows us to powerfully intercede for others in our community. Through Christ, we receive his Spirit, and this gives us bold access to the heavenly throne. As Christians, works do not save us, and we've been given privileged, heavenly access. However, if we continue in sin and selfishness, our prayers will be hindered. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns against hypocrisy in prayer. Prayers for attention or self-glory lose their impact.In 1 Peter 3:7, Peter gives a very specific example of how a man's behavior with his wife can impact prayers. "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered." Why would God care this much? In another letter, Paul compares a husband and wife to Christ and the Church. God instituted marriage before the Fall, and it therefore should reflect a heavenly love. When a husband fails to treat his wife with equality and respect, he's lying with his actions about how Christ loves the Church. This blocks his prayers. James writes about how we shouldn't use prayer for selfish motives. "You ask and do not receive, because ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:3). The motivation of our hearts matters. When we treat God as a big Santa Claus to get what we want, we abuse the privilege. God promises to give us what we need if we'll seek the Kingdom (Matthew 6:33), and while we can pray to that end, asking for our own luxury or pleasure misses the point. God gives us prayer to align our hearts with his loving will, blessing others from the throne of God. What Does the Bible Say about Jesus as High Priest? The word Christian means "little Christ," underscoring how people should see Christ in our words and actions. We are disciples of Jesus, learning our life and purpose from him. Right now, in heaven before the Throne of God, Jesus serves as the eternal High Priest. He bridges the gap between us and a holy God. His perfect righteousness and Sonship assures his requests are heard and acted upon: "We have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God … For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:14-16). The writer connects the work of eternal High Priest with a sinless life. Unlike human high priests, Jesus didn't need to offer sacrifices for his own sins. Instead, he offered himself for humanity (Hebrews 7:27). The Lamb of God's willing sacrifice opened up the way for us to approach God with confidence, as Hebrews encourages us to "draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith" through Jesus' atonement. In prayer, our right living matters. It aligns us with God's character and will. We approach God's throne in faith, but we must remember the context of James. Faith and a true heart lead to right living and action. Our selfish behavior belies a lack of faith and love, which hinders praying according to God's will. How is Prayer a Universal Calling for All Believers? Prayer isn't a spiritual gift, as if some participate in it and others don't. The Bible calls all of us to pray. Through prayer, we commune with God, hear his voice, learn his will, find strength to obey, and intercede for others. The apostle Peter names us all priests. "You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). In this verse, we get the idea of "the priesthood of all believers." Unlike the Old Testament, where only Levites served, the New Covenant empowers all of us to approach God and intercede on behalf of others. Revelation 1:6 also communicates this, that Christ makes us "kings and priests to His God and Father." Jesus does this through the indwelling Spirit of Christ. With the High Priest within us, we have the power, privilege, and responsibility to pray for the world. Properly fulfilling this role requires a life of repentance and works consistent with repentance (Acts 26:20). Our prayers gain power through obedience and relying upon grace. John 15:7 also confirms this when Jesus says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." Choosing to sin with selfish motives proves the opposite of abiding in Christ and his word. Here, we see why James precedes the power of a righteous person's prayers with a way to be restored through confession. Confession and connecting with the faith community set our hearts right again. Then we are able to pray according to God's will, in his name, and we will experience the victory of those prayers. Peace. Photo credit: ©Getty/MotortionBritt Mooney lives and tells great stories. As an author of fiction and non-fiction, he is passionate about teaching ministries and nonprofits the power of storytelling to inspire and spread truth. Mooney has a podcast called Kingdom Over Coffee and is a published author of We Were Reborn for This: The Jesus Model for Living Heaven on Earth as well as Say Yes: How God-Sized Dreams Take Flight. , the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit. 117,937 active editors 7,001,134 articles in English The English-language Wikipedia thanks its contributors for creating more than seven million articles! Learn how you can take part in the encyclopedia's continued improvement. GL Mk. II transmitter van Radar, Gun Laying, Mark I, or GL Mk. 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It was released on May 29, 2015, by Pledis Entertainment and distributed by LOEN Entertainment. "Adore U" serves as the lead single for the EP. 17 Carat features five tracks written, co-written, and co-produced by Seventeen's group members. "Adore U" was chosen as the lead single for the EP and was performed on multiple music shows by the group. "Shining Diamond" was used as a pre-single on the group's reality debut show. The group stated that the tracklist was chosen to reflect Seventeen's core concept of "boys' passion".[1] The album has two physical versions: one with a "black" themed photo card set, and the other with a "white" themed photo card set. All copies include a CD containing the songs and a fold-up poster/lyric sheet. "Adore U" is the lead single of the extended play. It was written by Woozi, S.Coups, and Yeon Dong-geon.[2] The Korea Herald states "'Adore U' is a funky pop song about a teenage boy trying to navigate through puppy love."[3] It marks the beginning of the group's trilogy composed of the singles Adore U, Mansae, and Pretty U about a boy meeting, falling in love and asking out a girl. The track was composed and arranged by Woozi, Bumzu, and Yeon Dong-geon. The music video for the single was released on May 29, 2015, and was directed by Dee Shin. The dance choreography accompaniment to the song was choreographed by Hoshi and focuses on "storytelling, and on highlighting each member's strengths onstage".[4] The single has sold more than 38,000 digital copies and peaked at number 13 on the Billboard US World Chart. The EP has sold over 82,972 copies in South Korea.[5] It peaked at number 4 on the Korean Gaon Album Chart[6] and number 8 on the US World Billboard Chart.[7] Year-end lists Critic/publication List Rank Ref. 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As he closes his letter, James returns to the topic, urging believers to "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" (James 5:16, KJV). The book of James overflows with practical guidance for dealing with every situation in the Christian life. Suffering and sickness present unique challenges, and for these James gives this advice: "Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. . . . Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven" (James 5:13–15, NLT). The original Greek word translated as "sick" in the passage refers to a grave illness. When a believer becomes critically ill, he or she ought to contact the church elders, who are responsible for overseeing spiritual needs within the church. The elders are to pray. James stresses the importance of prayer in healing. God is the healer, the source of all healing (Exodus 15:26), so we must seek Him when we have a need. The context of James' statement the prayers of the righteous availeth much is related specifically to his teaching about healing and prayer. It directly follows his instruction to confess to one another and pray for one another for healing. James suggests that sometimes sickness is the result of unconfessed sin. He is not saying that every illness we experience is the consequence of sin, only that some ailments are rooted in sin. When this is the case, we are to confess our sins so that God will forgive us. The New Living Translation makes James' meaning clearer to modern Bible readers: "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results" (James 5:16, NLT). James is not giving a blanket promise of healing. Instead, he is presenting practical advice. When it is God's will to grant healing, the "prayer offered in faith will heal the sick" (James 5:15, NLT). In the event unconfessed sin is the reason for an illness, James wants believers to begin their prayer for healing with confession and repentance. He knows that turning away from evil "will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones" (Proverbs 3:8). Like David, whose hidden sins sapped him of strength and caused his bones to waste away (see Psalm 38:3, 7–10), our sins, left unconfessed, can make us physically sick (Psalm 32:3–5). Only after receiving the Lord's forgiveness will our prayers for healing be heard and answered (2 Chronicles 7:14). The word availeth in the KJV means "produces an advantage" or "serves in a useful way." The original Greek word translated as "availeth" means "is able," "is capable," or "has the power." The righteous person is the one who has been made right with God—the one whose sins are forgiven. So, the one who is forgiven and in right standing with God can pray in a "useful, advantageous, powerful" way and thus receive excellent results. Prayers that are powerful and effective come from righteous people: "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil" (1 Peter 3:12; see also Psalm 34:15). The Lord won't listen to those who cherish sin in their hearts (Psalm 66:18). A righteous person has a living faith that seeks to obey the Lord and His Word. Proverbs 28:9 warns, "If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable." Confession of and repentance from sin are preconditions for having the Lord's ear. Only when we experience God's forgiveness will our prayers have the power to avail much. Successful prayer comes from believers who passionately desire to see God's will worked out in their lives. James spotlights Elijah the prophet as a righteous man who prayed fervently and with power. His prayers "availed much": "Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops" (James 5:17–18). Just like us, Elijah had human weaknesses and shortcomings. But he was so in tune with the will of God that he recognized when God wanted to begin the drought and when He wanted to end it. Elijah's example challenges us today to seek a closer relationship with God so that we, too, can know, follow, and pray according to His will. When we are right with God, and our prayers agree with the will of God, we can trust they will be answered (1 John 5:14–15) because the prayer of the righteous availeth much! Return to: Questions about James What does it mean that the "prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16)? Suggest a Verse (Many of the links in this article redirect to a specific reviewed product. Your purchase of these products through affiliate links helps to generate commission for Christian.net, at no extra cost. Learn more) Welcome to our blog on Christianity! Here, we explore the faith that has touched millions of lives across the globe. Whether you're a lifelong believer or just curious, this space offers insights into the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Bible, and the Christian way of life. 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In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Merciful God, I ask for Your healing touch upon my body and soul. Restore me to full health, both physically and spiritually. Remove any pain, illness, or suffering I am experiencing. Fill me with Your peace and comfort. Strengthen my faith as I trust in Your healing power. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Lord of Peace, I come to You with a troubled heart. Grant me Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Calm my fears and anxieties. Help me to trust in Your plan, even when I cannot see the way forward. Let Your peace reign in my heart and mind. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Gracious Father, I confess my sins before You. I ask for Your forgiveness and mercy. Cleanse me from all unrighteousness and help me to turn away from sin. Fill me with Your grace and love. Teach me to forgive others as You have forgiven me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Read more: How To Walk With God Holy And Righteously Almighty God, I seek Your protection over my life and my loved ones. Shield us from harm and danger. Surround us with Your angels and keep us safe. Guide our steps and lead us away from evil. Let Your presence be our refuge and strength. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Heavenly Provider, I thank You for Your abundant blessings. I ask for Your provision in my life. Meet my needs according to Your riches in glory. Bless my work, my home, and my relationships. Help me to be a good steward of all You have given me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Lord, increase my faith and trust in You. Help me to believe in Your promises, even when circumstances seem bleak. Strengthen my faith so that I may stand firm in trials. Teach me to lean on You and not on my understanding. Let my faith be a testimony of Your goodness. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. God of Love, fill my heart with Your love and compassion. Help me to love others as You have loved me. Teach me to show kindness and understanding to those around me. Let Your love flow through me, touching the lives of others. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Read more: 15 Prayers Of The Faithful Lord, grant me patience and perseverance in all things. Help me to wait on Your timing and not rush ahead. Strengthen me to endure hardships with grace. Teach me to trust in Your plan, even when it seems delayed. Let my patience be a reflection of Your character. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Heavenly Father, fill my heart with joy and gratitude. Help me to see the blessings in every situation. Teach me to rejoice in Your goodness and give thanks in all circumstances. Let Your joy be my strength, and may my gratitude be a witness to Your love. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Lord, teach me humility and a heart of service. Help me to put others before myself and to serve with a willing spirit. Let my actions reflect Your love and grace. Show me how to be a servant leader, following Your example. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. God of Hope, fill me with Your hope and encouragement. Help me to see beyond my current struggles and trust in Your promises. Strengthen my heart and lift my spirits. Let Your hope be a light in my darkest moments. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Read more: 15 Baptism Prayers Lord, bring unity and harmony to my relationships. Help us to live in peace with one another. Teach us to understand and respect each other. Let Your love bind us together in perfect harmony. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Heavenly Father, I seek to grow spiritually and deepen my relationship with You. Help me to study Your Word and apply it to my life. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and guide me in all truth. Let my faith grow stronger each day. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Faithful prayers hold immense power. They connect believers to God, providing strength and guidance. When people pray with sincerity, they open a channel for divine intervention. This isn't just about asking for things; it's about building a relationship with the Almighty. Through prayer, believers find peace, comfort, and hope in challenging times. They also express gratitude for blessings received. The Bible teaches that the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective. Stories of answered prayers inspire and strengthen faith. Even in moments of doubt, prayer serves as a reminder of God's presence. It reinforces the belief that no matter the situation, there's a higher power watching over. So, keep praying with a sincere heart. Trust that your prayers are heard. The power of faithful prayers truly avails much. 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.Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working.Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. 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].Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].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.Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve.Therefore, openly acknowledge your sins to one another, and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.If you have sinned, you should tell each other what you have done. Then you can pray for one another and be healed. The prayer of an innocent person is powerful, and it can help a lot.Confess therefore your offences to one another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. [The] fervent supplication of the righteous [man] has much power.Therefore be confessing-out your sins to one another, and be praying for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person can-do much while working.Confess therefore your sins one to another: and pray one for another, that you may be saved. For the continual prayer of a just man availeth much.So always tell each other the wrong things you have done. Then pray for each other. Do this so that God can heal you. Anyone who lives the way God wants can pray, and great things will happen.So you should tell each other about any wrong things that you have done. Then you will be able to pray for each other, so that God makes you well again. When a good person prays to God, God does powerful things.So confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, in order that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is able to do much because it is effective.Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.[L Therefore,] Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. ·When a believing person prays, great things happen [L The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective].Acknowledge your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed: for the prayer of a righteous man availeth much, if it be fervent.So admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed. Prayers offered by those who have God's approval are effective.So then, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect.Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The urgent request of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other. Do this so that God can heal you. When a good man prays, great things happen.Therefore, make it your habit to confess your sins to one another and to pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.If anyone is ill he should send for the Church elders. They should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Lord's name. Believing prayer will save the sick man; the Lord will restore him and any sins that he has committed will be forgiven. You should get into the habit of admitting your sins to each other, and praying for each other, so that if sickness comes to you, you may be healed. Tremendous power is made available through a good man's earnest prayer. Do you remember Elijah? He was a man like us but he prayed earnestly that it should not rain. In fact, not a drop fell on the land for three and a half years. Then he prayed again, the heavens gave the rain and the earth sprouted with vegetation as usual.Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that ye may be whole. The effectual prayer of the righteous is very powerful.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.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.Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much.Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with. Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't—not a drop for three and a half years. Then he prayed that it would rain, and it did. The showers came and everything started growing again.Confess your faults to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much.Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The active prayer of a righteous person has great power.So admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed. Prayers offered by those who have God's approval are effective.Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A prayer of a righteous person, when it is brought about, can accomplish much.Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen.So confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great effectiveness.So confess your sins to one another. Pray for one another so that you might be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful. Things happen because of it.Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so