

Who Are You Praying for Today?

There are many ways that you as a leader can serve. You can ensure people know and understand the purpose, the vision and the values of the organization. You can also ensure that they know how appreciated they are for the work that they do. Servant leadership is also about listening to others, helping them to live out their strengths and caring for people as individuals.

All of these things will help you to become an effective leader, but there is one thing that is often left out of the business classes and leadership books that truly sets a leader up for success: **Praying for others.**

The Power of Prayer

Nothing feels better or more powerful than when I hear someone tell me that they are praying for me. I think it is the ultimate expression of showing you care.

Regardless of your position or platform in this world, as a servant leader you can harness the power of prayer. **Prayer makes a difference.** It impacts the people you are praying for, just as much as it impacts you.

A servant leader's first and foremost focus needs to be on serving others above and beyond themselves and that starts by praying for them. It is a matter of priority and intention, so don't let any sort of excuse inhibit you from doing so.

Like every principle in becoming a servant leader, getting into a routine of prayer takes intentional effort. Here are 4 steps to making prayer a habit in your life:

- **Step 1: Lock down daily times or activities when you will engage in prayer.** I pray for my family, my clients, people with health issues, world issues, etc. everyday during my daily exercise routine. I exercise every day, so I make it a practice to pray at the same time.
- **Step 2: Start a list of people that you want to pray for.** You will find yourself becoming more intentional about prayer if you are documenting whom you want to hold up in prayer. Make notes of thanksgiving on your list as prayers are answered in their lives.
- **Step 3: Let people know you are praying for them.** This intention will keep the people that you are praying for at top of mind, and it will also encourage them to know how much you care.

- **Step 4: Don't just pray for the obvious.** I think most of us pray for our family and friends, which is almost a given. Your challenge is to expand the list of people you are praying for. Consider the following:
 - The people that work for you or are within your sphere of influence
 - Your leader and the leaders above them
 - Your customers
 - Your vendors
 - Your competitors
 - Your community
 - Your elected officials.
 - Our country.

Praying for others will distinguish you as a servant leader. It will help you to maintain your focus on the greater good of others, while making a difference in the world.

I encourage you to bless others with your prayers!

On the right you will see, CBMC's "**Top 10 Wanted**" card. We use this, to focus our prays for those we know who are in need of Jesus's mercy, grace and love.

If we take our responsibilities seriously, we need to be intentionally in our efforts to share the good news.

Keep this list with you at all times, praying for their salvation.

REMEMBER: *"The power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not the one who says it."* **Max Lucado**

MOST 10 WANTED

Reaching a man right where he is to help him become the man God designed him to be.

PRAY FOR THE LOST

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"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16


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