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"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." (James 5:16, NIV)

Disciples and Prayer

All throughout the Bible we read about what was accomplished with prayer. When Elijah prayed, God sent fire from heaven. When Daniel prayed, the hungry lions were unable to hurt him. When the Assyrian army was advancing, King Hezekiah prayed and his nation was spared for another generation.

In the New Testament we have example after example of the power of prayer. Peter prayed and Dorcas was brought to life. Paul prayed and God blessed his mission works and many churches were established in Asia Minor and Europe.

The problems of our society and the world could be resolved if leaders and citizens would go to God in prayer. Seventeenth century theologian John Owen once said, "He who prays as he ought will endeavour to live as he prays." How wonderful it would be if the world values the gift and practice of prayer.

God's faithful disciples believed in prayer. And they know that there's only one power that could redeem the course of world events: the power of prayer.

Have you made prayer a part of your daily schedule? Think of several people and situations you will pray for today as part of God's call to faithful discipleship.

