

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

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1. THE PERSON BEING PRAYED FOR SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOUR.

2. THEY MUST REPENT FROM ALL SIN.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15)

In particular they must honour their parents and forgive them and renounce their sins and those of their ancestors to be delivered from the curses of the law (Deuteronomy 27:16) at the cross of Jesus Christ. (Galatians 3:13-14). Also they must forgive everybody else.

'Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' (Deuteronomy 27:16).

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (Galatians 3:13-14)

3. THE PERSON PRAYING NEEDS TO:

4. BE BORN-AGAIN OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

"Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (John 3:5).

5. BE BAPTISED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4).

6. HAVE ABSOLUTELY SURRENDERED TO GOD CRUCIFYING THE FLESH.

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20).

7. BE ATTENDING AND BE ACTIVE IN A BIBLE BELIEVING CHURCH.

8. KNOW THE WORD OF GOD BY READING IT EVERY DAY USING A BIBLE PLAN. ALSO MEMORISE SCRIPTURE.

"Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases." (Psalm 103:3).

"He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions." (Psalm 107:20).

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5).

"who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— by whose stripes you were healed." (1 Peter 2:24).

9. ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD WITHOUT QUESTION.

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12).

10. KNOW THE FEAR OF GOD.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7).

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28).

11. KEEP YOUR EYES ON GOD, NOT ON THE PERSON'S CONDITION.

"I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved." (Psalm 16:8)

12. REMEMBER JESUS WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5).

"I am with you always even to the end of the age". (Matthew 28:20).

"Christ in us the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27.)

13. KNOW GOD'S ANOINTING AND WAIT FOR THIS BEFORE PRAYING FOR THE PERSON.

"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things." (1 John 2:20).

"But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him." (1 John 2:27).

14. HAVE THE COMPASSION OF JESUS.

"Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed." (Mark 1:40-42).

15. LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF GOD.

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." (John 16:13).

16. BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AS TO WHERE YOU LAY YOUR HANDS ON THE PERSON (ask the person's permission to put your hand on their shoulder, arm or hand). THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU BY THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE.

"for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit," (1 Corinthians 12:8)

17. DISCERN ANY DEMONIC SPIRITS THAT ARE PRESENT.

"to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues." (1 Corinthians 12:10).

18. KNOW YOUR AUTHORITY IN GOD AND PRAY WITH THAT AUTHORITY ESPECIALLY IN CASTING OUT OF DEMONS.

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (Matthew 28:18-19).

19. HAVE THE FAITH OF GOD. BE GUIDED BY FAITH IN GOD NOT FEELINGS.

"So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." (Mark 11:22-25).

20. WHAT IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN.

"But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin." (Romans 14:23).

21. KNOW THAT THE SAME POWER THAT RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD IS WORKING THROUGH YOU.

"and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places," (Ephesians 1:19-20).

22. ONLY BELIEVE

"As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." (Mark 5:36).

23. WITH GOD NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.

"For with God nothing will be impossible." (Luke 1:37).

24. EXPECT A MIRACLE!