

PRAYER IT FORWARD PART 1
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INTRODUCTION

- Prayer can be hard.
- Jesus' disciples asked Him to, "Teach us to pray."
- So you can learn to pray and grow in your prayer life.

I. WHAT DID JESUS TELL US TO PRAY FOR?

- Mark 11:15-16 NLT, "...Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices...He stopped everyone from using the temple as a marketplace. ¹⁷ He said to them, 'The scriptures declare, 'My temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves.'"
- Isaiah 56:7b, "My temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations."
- "The nations" - often our prayers have nothing to do with the nations, only ourselves.
- Prayer needs to be born of love, and it comes in the midst of need.
- That is why you pray for your family...love.
- When you know people on the other side of the world they are no longer "Nations" but sisters and brothers.

II. WHAT ARE YOU PRAYING FOR?

- Mark 11:17, "...a house of prayer for all nations."
- He said we should pray "for" not against.

- Matthew 5:44-45, "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."
- You can only pray for your enemies when you are compassionate and see the heart of people.
- When you see Jesus in people.
- Too many of us pray vindictively, not compassionately.
- Romans 5:8-10, "But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners..."
- Instead of condemning nations, we should pray for them. For the people who are hurting, poor, wounded by corrupt leaders.

III. LOVE FOR OTHERS IS YOUR FUEL FOR PRAYER

- I have a prayer list with nations on it that I have visited, and the Lord has given me friends.
- Once you meet and know others your love for them grows and your prayers for them matter.
- This is how God makes intercessors: they love the people they "pray for."
- I Corinthians 12:26, "If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it."
- Love will fuel your prayers.
- Love will sometimes lead you to desperation and deep intercession.
- It is God's way to grow you and build perseverance in you.
- He is trying to get a hold of some of your hearts and teach you to pray.