



Friendship Deeds, From A-Z

Pray **FOR** and **WITH** Your Friends

Ephesians 6:18

“At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers. Be watchful, so that you can pray. Always keep on praying for all of God’s people.”

Why do you think God asks you to pray? The subject of prayer is mentioned over 375 times in the Bible, so it must be very important. He created you, He knows your thoughts already. So why pray? Take a look at this Jeremiah 33:3:

“Call out to me. I will answer you. I will tell you great things you do not know.”

One reason to pray is that God wants us to teach us. Can you imagine sitting in a classroom to learn and not being able to ask any questions? Well, God wants you to ask Him for wisdom and for answers about all the things that make you wonder.

Another reason to pray is to have a relationship with Him. It is impossible to have relationships with people unless you talk to them, is it? The same is true with Christ. He has already talked to you through His Word....He’s told you how much He loves you, He’s told you stories so you can know Him better. Now He has given you the opportunity to talk with Him through the gift of prayer.

Did you know that Jesus even prayed for YOU in the Bible? In John 17, Jesus prayed for His disciples and for all who would believe in the future, and he prayed this **RIGHT BEFORE** He was going to be dragged away to the cross! Isn’t it really special to know that He loved you enough to pray for you instead of just praying for Himself? That sets an example for you today. The verse at the top says, “always keep on praying for all of God’s people.” He wants you to do what He did in John 17.

Notice how the verse at the top says, “At ALL times, pray...” This is the awesome part! If you’re going to talk to God at all times, then that means you can do so silently in your room and out loud in a group....you can pray by yourself, and you can pray with your friends...You are free to pray all kinds of prayers, as long as you talk to Him with respect. If you want to have friends and be a friend the way God wants you to, then start praying right now...Friends who pray together stay together!!!!

Discuss the following questions with your parent/s:

- 1. What do you think the verse at the top means when it says, “Be watchful, so you can pray”? Do you think God wants us to look around and pray for the hurting?**
- 2. Do you pray for your friends? Do you pray that God will show you how to treat your friends? Have you ever prayed WITH your friends other than at a meal?**

You always hear the phrase “Don’t ever, ever QUIT!” But “Q” has something for you to quit lickety-split!