

# The Power of Prayer Partnerships

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*Philippians 1:1-11, 19*

## **I. There is a *koinonia* (fellowship) in God that surpasses all other kinds of relationships. This fellowship, or friendship, becomes particularly strong when we partner together to see God's will come to pass on the earth (E.g., Paul and the Philippians).**

- A. You know you have a spiritual partnership with people when there is joy when you pray for them (Philippians 1:3-5).
- B. Notice the reciprocal prayer relationship Paul had with the Philippians (Philippians 1:9-11, 19-21).
- C. When Jesus makes the stunning proclamation of what two or three can accomplish in prayer, the key word is "agree." It is the Greek word *sumphoneo* from which we get the word "symphony" (Matthew 18:18-20; Philippians 2:1-4).
  - 1. When I begin to pray consistently for people, it is amazing how I begin to "have them in my heart" (Philippians 1:7, 8).
  - 2. The Greek word here literally means, "to have (carry) one in one's heart, to love one constantly" (Thayer's Greek Lexicon).
  - 3. Heartfelt prayer stirs the Holy Spirit. Also, the Holy Spirit leads us to pray.
  - 4. There is no more powerful way to look after the interests of others than to pray for them (Philippians 2:1-4).

## **II. Other examples of prayer partnerships in the Bible**

- A. Paul and the Colossians (Colossians 4:2-4)
- B. Epaphras and the Colossians (Colossians 4:12)
- C. Husbands and wives (I Peter 3:7)
- D. Confessing our sins and praying for one another (James 5:16-18)

## **III. Moving mountains together**

- A. The war in the heavens we all fight (Ephesians 6:10-13, 18-20)
- B. The binding and loosing in the heavens (Matthew 18:18-20)
- C. "But this kind can come out only by prayer" (Matthew 17:14-20; 9:25-29)

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