

How Happiness Happens

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Who prays for me?

- **Others pray for me**
 - "...pray for one another" (James 5:16 - ESV)
- **The Holy Spirit prays for me**
 - "...when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words." (Romans 8:26b -CEV)
- **Jesus prays for me**
 - "... Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (Romans 8:34b - NIV)

My qualifications to pray:

- **I am God's child**
 - "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1a - NIV)
- **I am Christ's ambassador**
 - "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..." (2 Corinthians 5:20a - NIV)
- **I am a priest**
 - "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation..." (1 Peter 2:9a - NIV)

Who should I pray for?

- *Pray for one another ... (James 5:16 - ESV)*
- *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)*

Devotional/Discussion Guide

- Since we are talking about prayer today, it's appropriate to begin with prayer. If you are in a group, this is important and if you are by yourself, it is equally important. Ask God to guide your time.
- How would you define prayer?
- Has anyone ever told you that they were praying for you? Why were they praying for you? What did it mean to you?
- Have you ever prayed for someone else and then told them you did? How did they respond? What did it mean for them?
- Do you think there is a relationship between prayer and happiness? Why or why not? Share some of your reasons.

