

Pray Earnestly

James 5:13-18

1. **Pray When You're Suffering** (vs. 13a-b)
2. **Praise when You're Celebrating** (vs. 13c-d)
3. **Ask for Prayer When You're Sick** (vs. 14)
4. **The Lord Will Respond** (vs. 15)
 - a. **The Lord Heals** (vs. 15a-b)
 - b. **The Lord Forgives** (vs. 15c-d)
5. **Pray for Each other** (vs. 16)
 - a. **Confess Your Sins to One Another** (vs. 16a-c)
 - b. **There is Power in the Prayer of the Righteous** (vs. 16d)
6. **Pray Earnestly: The Lord Hears the Prayers of his People** (vs. 17-18)

Prayer is not a last ditch effort when things go south. Prayer should be a constant flow from our heart, mind, and mouth. When we're suffering, when we're celebrating, when we're sick. It should be an all the time thing. It should never just be a private thing. The word of God calls us to submit to the church, taking our needs to the elders when we are sick, and confessing our sins to each other—for the sake of holiness and healing, and for God's glory.

There is power in the prayer of the righteous, both in that God hears us, and in how it shapes us to be more like His Son Jesus.