

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ...



James 5 : 13 - 20

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.



James 5 : 13 - 20

ONE ANOTHER

Living at the Heart of Christian Community



“Sitting at the gates of the city,” said Elijah.

“He is sitting among the poor covered with wounds. The others unbind all their wounds at the same time and then bind them all up again.

But the Messiah unbinds only one of his at a time, saying to himself, “Perhaps I shall be needed: if so, I must always be ready so as not to delay for a moment.”

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We Were Made for Healing





Prayer that Never Gives Up



Prayer that Never Gives Up

Confession that Never Gives Out



Prayer that Never Gives Up

Confession that Never Gives Out

Courage That Never Quits



Prayer that Never Gives Up

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray.”



James 5 : 13



“It is very difficult to explain the deep experience of the inner life...but it can be enjoyed and put into action. This is what I mean: One day, during my meditation and prayer, I felt his presence strongly. My heart overflowed with heavenly joy. I saw that in the world of sorrow and suffering there is a hidden and inexhaustible mine of great joy of which the world knows nothing...”



Sadhu Sundar Singh

With and Without Christ

“In comparison with this big world, the human heart is only a small thing. Though the world is so large, it is utterly unable to satisfy this tiny heart. Our ever growing soul and its capacities can be satisfied only in the infinite God. As water is restless until it reaches its level, so the soul has no peace until it rests in God.”



Sadhu Sundar Singh

With and Without Christ

“Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly...”



James 5 : 17



Prayer that Never Gives Up

Confession that Never Gives Out

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray
for each other so that you may be healed.”



James 5 : 16

“A Christian community is therefore a healing community,
not because wounds are cured and pains are alleviated,
but because wounds and pains become openings or
occasions for a new vision.”



Henri Nouwen

The Wounded Healer

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”



Luke 15 : 21



Acknowledging the Truth



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The Taking of Responsibility



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The Naming of Those Wronged



Acknowledging the Truth

The Taking of Responsibility

The Naming of Those Wronged

The Acknowledgment of God's Moral Authority



Prayer that Never Gives Up

Confession that Never Gives Out

Courage That Never Quits

“My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.”



James 5 : 19 - 20

“You have been teaching others about repentance and forgiveness...It is now your turn to forgive those who killed your relatives without asking where I was. You can either choose to be a hypocrite who teaches what he does not practice, or you can be the wounded healer who gives the healing gift of forgiveness to the undeserving.”



Celestin Musekura

Forgiving as We Have Been Forgiven




“Peace unto you, my master and teacher.”

The Messiah said, “Peace unto you, son of Levi.”

He asked, “When is the master [Messiah] coming?”

“Today,” he answered.



And the Rabbi said, “He indeed has deceived me, for he said, ‘Today I am coming’, and he has not come.”

Elijah said, “This is what really he told you: He said, he was coming “Today, if you would hear his voice.”

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