

Week 2.

- Do you ask other Christians to pray for you? Do you offer to pray for other people?
- Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Who are we to pray for?
- Who does Paul go on to specifically mention? Why do you think that is?

Pritchard states that 'when we pray for others...it's a way of loving them' p.32

- How might Pritchard's statement change how you feel about praying for Leaders & those we don't particularly know or like?
- How might we approach praying for others when God's will is key?
- How do you 'intercede' for those you are praying for? Have you any helpful tools you can share ie. using a list, notebook, photo's etc?
- How is intercession linked with constructive action?

'Prayer is the serious business of the Church. The first & best service it renders for the world.'

[NRSV Spiritual Formation Bible]

- Do you agree with the statement above? If so, why are prayer meetings in Churches generally so poorly attended?
- How do we cope with / rationalise unanswered prayer and suffering?
- Close with in prayer for one another in the group or for other people if you are alone.



Ways To Pray : Intercessory Prayer

Prayer is :

- Global / Personal
- A Duty / A Delight
- Difficult / Easy
- Communication / Encounter
- Intelligent / Immersive
- Silent / Verbal
- Corporate / Private
- All these things & more.....

'Prayer is relationship with God for Others'

[Cottrell p.26]

Intercession / Intercede : an act of begging, pleading, entreaty to reconcile differences.

Recommended Reading for the Series :

How To Pray : John Pritchard : SPCK : 2002

Praying Through Life : Stephen Cottrell : Church House Pub : 1998

Prayer - Experiencing Awe & Intimacy With God : Timothy Keller : Hodder : 2016

