

Romans 1:8, 9 – “I thank my God...your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.”

PRAY FOR FAITHFUL SAINTS

Paul prayed for people he had never met. He understood the pressure and persecution that people of faith experience. Probably the saints in Rome didn't know Paul prayed for them until he wrote the Epistle to the Romans. There are ministries throughout the world I pray for. There are pastors I regularly pray for. There are friends I pray for on a daily basis. There are missionaries that I have held up in prayer for years. Some people I pray for I have never met. I appreciate their work of faith, and by faith I pray for their protection and the blessings of God on their ministries. I hear from people all the time who say they are praying for me. When someone is suddenly on your heart pray for that person. The Holy Spirit may be prompting you to pray. When someone is constantly on your mind for no particular reason, it is likely God wants you to pray for that person. Once when I was going through the trial of my life, a pastor friend called and asked if I was OK. While jogging, he felt impressed to pray for me. He instantly returned home and went to prayer for me. It takes a lot of prayer to pray for those contending for the faith in this world. You can never pray too much. When Paul prayed without ceasing, he prayed for people as they came to his mind. He prayed when he remembered them. It doesn't have to be a long prayer, unless you feel the burden to do so. Prayers ascend up day and night keep to keep the work of God going. We become a part of the world-wide work of the Holy Spirit when we pray for the saints wherever they are.