

Pray For Everyone

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1 Timothy 1:18—2:15

What if the church adopted the same philosophy as the military when it came to prayer, i.e., “No one left behind”? I fear too many of us have adopted Cain’s approach to prayer and caring: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (Genesis 4:9). According to the Apostle Paul, who was inspired by God to pen 1 Timothy 2, we are our brother’s keeper! We are to make petitions (the expression to God of personal need), prayers (“to pray earnestly”—the same word is used in James 5:17), intercession (to draw near to God in behalf of others—the most individual and urgent form of prayer), and thanksgiving (eucharistia—grateful acknowledgment of past blessings) for all the people.

May I suggest this ministry begins with us, then spreads to our family, our church family, and on to the lost? All of this implies a working relationship with those for whom we are praying. Anyone can pray for the “World,” but who in the world are you praying for? Remember, everyone is important in God’s eyes!

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