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Dear Praying Friends,

It is always good to know that people are praying for us. This summer while waiting for my bags at the Nashville airport, Evangelist Dave Young, a friend from college, sent me an odd text message. Based on the message, I figured he was standing in the same room watching for my reaction. I found him and we had a chance to catch up for a few minutes before our bags arrived. At the end of the conversation he said, "I pray for you every Tuesday morning, my friend."

Thanks, Dave. Knowing people are praying for you, and them telling you they do, is very encouraging.

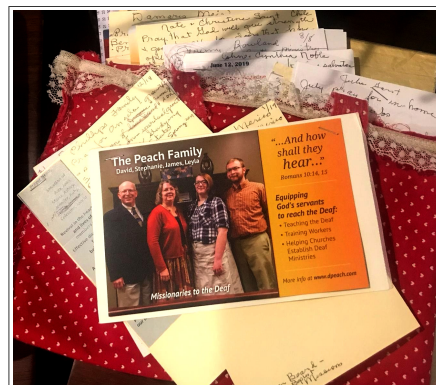
Clayton

Between weeks at camp this summer, I attended the funeral of a friend from church. He was a man known as a man of prayer. Every Wednesday evening when Clayton and I were at church together, he would come to me and tell me that he had prayed for me that morning. Then he would inevitably follow that up with, "Well, actually I pray for you every day."

I would then thank Clayton for his prayers. But Clayton is gone now.

Mrs. Gellos

A few weeks ago, at the funeral of a friend of 31 years, the family had the contents of her Bible on display. I'm sure the items had been rearranged during the visitation time, but the picture to the right was sent to me from the funeral. Our family's newest prayer card was sitting right on top of the items from Mrs. Gellos' Bible.



Our prayer card found in Mrs. Gellos' Bible after she passed away.

When we saw her this summer she knew she was dying of cancer. As my wife and I sat in her apartment with tears in our eyes, she put her hand on my wife's arm and, with a big smile, said, "Don't cry for me honey. I know where I am going and I will be just fine."

I know Mrs. Gellos is just fine; but, we still miss her. This is the first prayer letter that I am sending out after she passed away. In the past, the day after sending out my prayer letters, I would get a short email from her. She would let me know that she was praying for us and she would ask follow-up questions to prayer requests that I had written about in previous letters.

Do You Pray?

For several years I have tried to emphasize to churches that they should be praying for missionaries. Over the last few months I have lost two of the people who were praying regularly for my family and me. Are there others to take their place?

I ask this not because I am looking for a flood of people to write and say they are praying for me (though I appreciate it when you do). My main interest is in encouraging you to make praying for missionaries a regular part of your personal time with God. As you meet missionaries and other servants of God, get to know them in a personal way and make them a serious focus of your prayer ministry.

At this time of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for you and your prayers.

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