

Ask for prayer.



GOD ENCOURAGES US TO CALL FOR HELP AND ASK OTHERS TO PRAY WITH US, and He promises us greater results if we do. “If two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:19–20). “Pray for one another. . . . The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16). One can chase a thousand, but two can put ten thousand to flight (Deuteronomy 32:30). That’s why it’s important that you make your request known, not only to the Lord but also to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

If God knows your needs before you call (Matthew 6:8), why doesn’t He just go ahead and supply them without your having to ask?—Because He wants you to confess your dependence on Him and manifest your faith in Him. Similarly, you can pray for yourself and God will answer, but the answer won’t be as great a testimony. When you ask others for prayer it’s not only a manifestation of your faith in God, but also a confession of your need for and dependence on Him and therefore a greater testimony to all when He answers—and that, of course, greatly pleases Him.