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# Together in Confession and Prayer

James 5:16-17

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Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. —James 5:16

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER IS A...

**1. _____**

[3]For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. [4]For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* [5]I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*
—Psalm 32:3-5

… [8]for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9](for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true). —Ephesians 5:8-9

**2. _____**

[1]Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. [2]Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. [3]For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. —Galatians 6:1-3

**3. _____**

### Confession and Prayer for the Believer:

**• Pursues _____**

[8]If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9]If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
—1 John 1:8-9

Notes:

*An old man, going a lone highway,*
*Came at the evening, cold and gray,*
*To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,*
*Through which was flowing a sullen tide.*
*The old man crossed in the twilight dim—*
*That sullen stream had no fears for him;*
*But he turned, when he reached the other side,*
*And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,*
*"You are wasting strength in building here.*
*Your journey will end with the ending day;*
*You never again must pass this way.*
*You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,*
*Why build the bridge at the eventide?"*

*The builder lifted his old gray head.*
*"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,*
*"There followeth after me today*
*A youth whose feet must pass this way.*
*This chasm that has been naught to me*
*To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.*
*He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;*
*Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."*

—"The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole

## • Protects Against _____

[23]So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24]leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
—Matthew 5:23-24

## • Promotes _____

[6]But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." [7]Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8]Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.
—James 4:6-8a

## • Preserves _____

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. —Matthew 18:15

## • Provides for _____

[15]And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. [16]Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.
—James 5:15-16

[28]Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. [29]For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. [30]That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. —1 Corinthians 11:28-30

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. —1 Peter 2:24

For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus. —1 Timothy 2:5

[9]If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. [10]For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved… [13]For "everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."
—Romans 10:9-10, 13

"Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of Omnipotence." —Charles Spurgeon

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