

**July 23, 2020 Daily Epistle**  
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**Perseverance in Prayer**

Good morning everyone! This morning, I wanted to share with you one of the Bible passages that really has meant a lot to me.

I learned about this verse when my son was a toddler and joined a Bible Study. It was wonderful! I lived in Michigan with our son trying to sell our home while my husband was working back in Illinois. I brought an 80 year old on a walker with me to our weekly studies in Michigan and our son. The great thing was that if I could get away to Illinois I could attend the same Bible Study. (It was the same across the country). One thing they stressed in our small groups was praying for each other and this prayer activity was called A.S.K. after the following verse. Ask, seek and knock - which word below speaks to you most? I find that it changes depending on my stage of life. I also was amazed at the answers we received to our prayer requests! Many miracles! It reminds me of Harriet's line "prayers go up, blessings come down".

***"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be open to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8***

One thing that I have noticed about prayers though is that we need to keep asking and have perseverance! My grandmother married a man who did not attend church and finally after years of marriage he surprised her and became a Christian! It had to have been over 50 years that she prayed! That's what I call perseverance! She was amazing. Born in 1899 and died at age 92!

The above verse truly shows that we need to keep asking and also realize that the answers aren't always what we ask for, but what we need. We need to ask in prayer, seek the answers and knock to be let into God's house - heaven! I have found myself turning to this verse often as I have been at home. I can't do things by myself even though I try and realize that I need to turn my attention to our creator!

I pray that each you can find solace in the knowledge that we are there for each other and in each others prayers even though we are not seeing each other. Thank goodness for technology! We are only a call, text or email away from each other if we need someone. I do miss my hugs though, but do give my grandchildren 'hugs to go'. I wrap my arms around myself and then point to them sending it on it's way. I had a friend who also gave 'prayer zaps'. She would say a prayer and then point a finger at the person she was praying for and send the prayer on it's way.

Please know that I am only a call, text or email away if you need me and that I'm praying for all of you!

Blessings!

I thought all of you would like to see the children's song with motions that go with this verse. Pretend it's our Vacation Bible School song this year since we can't be together!

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