

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

- James 5:13-18; I John 1:7 – fellowship with one another
- Introduction: OT prayer for provision & protection; NT Jesus prayed and taught how to pray; Jesus intercedes even now (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25) – also part of ONE ANOTHER interactions
- Prayer as Priority (5:13-14)
 - Converse with God in any and all circumstances; engage others to pray
 - Do you see prayer as a last resort or as a constant companion?
- Prayer Leads to Forgiveness and Healing (5:15-16a)
 - Healing is God's sovereign choice (James 4:15; II Cor. 12:8-10)
 - Forgiveness will be given based on Christ's work on our behalf – faith+repentance
 - Do you let doubts (James 1:5-8) or questions prevent you from praying – trust God's goodness and timing
- Powerful Prayer (5:16B-18)
 - Righteous people are committed to God's will
 - Do not let your lack of obedience hinder your prayers
- Take the opportunity to pray – engage with God and with one another

