



UNITED IN PRAYER

is about letting prayer do 'the heavy lifting', as we turn our attention to a world broken in so many areas and with a need of restoration. Our world is a beautiful place with difficult challenges. Even though we don't understand everything, we have at heart to pray for these different realities. We would like to learn, have empathy and grow our knowledge with the help of the Holy Spirit.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." — Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)

This month we want to pray for our friendships.

Friendships are meant sometimes only for a season and sometimes they last much longer. They are important to the Sisterhood mandate and they are part of our life as followers of Christ. Christ chooses to reveal himself to us as a friend and this friendship transforms us. Let us follow his example to surround ourselves with the right people and build friendships wisely and intentionally.

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I believe that the weapon the Church of Jesus Christ must bring to this current global table of unrest and crisis is prayer. It's a weapon that many outside of faith may never truly understand or appreciate - but regardless of whether they do or don't, prayer is what engages the spiritual realm, which is so often the core and cause of today's problems.." — Bobbie Houston (extract from chapter 21 — The Sisterhood)

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WE PRAY FOR

- **Friendships that are specific to the season** we are living and **friendships of destiny** that last for many seasons: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." — Proverbs 17:17 (NIV).
- **Healthy friendships** that bring encouragement, joy and restoration: "How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!" — Psalm 133:1 (NLT).
- **Intentional friendships and godly connections:** that we may be surprised by unexpected friendships with people who may be very different from us and that we may have the wisdom to recognize and invest in essential friendships: "Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters." — Hebrews 13:1 (NIV).
- **Strong and authentic friendships** which reflect the love and community according to the heart of God: "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." — John 13:32 (NIV).
- **Mutual help, loyalty, humility in our friendships:** that we may take every opportunity to serve Christ in our friendships by putting others first, listening to them and helping them: "Carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2 (NIV).
- **That no one may remain in solitude,** but that hearts would open up and invitations for the friendship table may be given and received: "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." — John 17:21 (NIV).
- **To grow and flourish in our friendship with Jesus:** "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." — John 15:15 (NIV).

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