

Carrying Each Other's Burdens

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Heavenly Father I thank You for my brothers and sisters in my church community. Thank You for individual uniqueness and giftings, and for the Holy Spirit that unifies us through Christ Jesus.

Forgive me, I pray, for I confess that I have not served my brothers and sisters out of love, or considered them better than myself. By the work of the Holy Spirit in me, destroy all self-seeking ways and help me to love Your Church as Jesus does. Teach us what it means to walk with one another and carry each other's burdens. (Teach me Lord!)

May each of us be strengthened to bear with the failings of those who are weaker and humbled in order that we might receive encouragement and correction from those who are spiritually stronger.

May we put aside our own agendas and opinions, be unified under the banner of Jesus, and love one another deeply from the heart.

I lift before You Father, those in my church community who are weighed down with cares and burdens too great for them to bear. May they be filled with joy and peace and overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Give them grace to trust You in all things. (Pause and pray for those the Holy Spirit brings to mind.)

May we at (name of church) become those who reach out to those who are burdened with cares of all kinds or who have fallen away, become discouraged or doubtful in their faith journey.

May those who are weak in faith be strengthened and all who stumble be lifted up!

You admonish us in Your Word Father that we should gently restore those who are caught in sin.

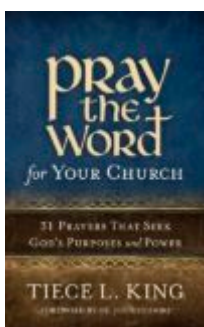
Forgive us Father, for more often than not we have failed to do this. Keep us from standing in judgment of one another or distancing ourselves from those who are struggling. (Pause and pray for those in your community of faith who are struggling in their pilgrimage.)

Teach us by the Holy Spirit within us to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry (or opinionated or preachy). May we increasingly pray together for one another, trusting You in all things.

May we truly learn to carry each other's burdens. Help us this day to walk in love with one another that we might love Your church as You do, Lord Jesus. I ask these things in Your great name. Amen.

Prayer Taken From: Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 4:8-10; Romans 15:13, 15:1; Galatians 6:1; Ecclesiastes 4:10; Ephesians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 12:26; 2 Timothy 4:2

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