

I am Praying for You
April 16, 2009

This morning, I had the privilege of having breakfast with a member of our church who had been in warmer weather for the winter. It was certainly good for me to see him and to spend time with him. I appreciate the time to catch up and reconnect.

During our visit, he shared with me that he has continued to pray for me and for our family. I know that he has been one of many people who have been remembering us as we faced the challenges following Whitney's death and Isaac's incarceration.

I thanked him for the prayers. I thanked him for thinking of our family and caring enough about us to hold us in his prayers. His simple comment reminded me of something that has become very important to me.

What I have come to realize, through this tragedy, is that we are sustained by the relationships of family and friends around us. It is those relationships that give meaning to life and make it special. In my case, I have come to see the many, many people who have prayed for us and sustained us, as helping hands working with God to hold us up and carry us forward.

Hearing those simple words, "I am praying for you," has come to mean much to me.

Conversely, today, when I am praying for others, I am trusting that God is going to give them the courage and the faith to make it through the challenges of living they face. Because I know how God has done the same for me.

When you look around today, to the people in your life, who are you thankful for? Make sure you take time today to tell them how you feel. When you look around in your life and see people you love and care about, who are hurting, take time to pray for them. Then let them know you are praying for them.

Today, I am thankful for all the relationships that God has given to me that help enrich my life. I am thankful for all those who have had a hand with God to bring about healing for my family and for me.

Thank you,
Rev. Scott Carlson

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