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It was said that “prayer keeps us alert to God’s Presence, the working out of His will, and to the rhythms of His timing.” Do you agree? What evidence or stories do you have to explain why you agree (or disagree) with this?

Knowing that Samuel was angry at the Israelites, what does it do to you to hear him say that it would be sinful for him not to keep praying for them? (1 Samuel 12:23)

Outward praying was described with 3 different metaphors—an electrical relay, a reflecting mirror, and an extension cord. For whom do you think you might be standing in the gap (Ezekiel 22:30) like a “relay”?

When it comes to how to pray for fellow believers, which of these 3 examples gives you the most direction:

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- Philippians 1:3-4
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How do you think Psalm 37:4 might relate to our praying for ourselves and/or for others?

How have you experienced God’s peace and/or protection through prayer? (Philippians 4:6)

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