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The Art of Prayer

21. The Praying Church

Chapter Eighteen of a book on prayer. Reidt argues that because believers are one body, we are responsible to lift each other's burdens — and prayer is a main way we do it. The heart of the chapter is praying Scripture (especially Paul's Ephesian prayers) for yourself and for other Christians who don't yet see certain truths.

Key takeaways

- We are members of one body; bearing another's 'infirmity' often means praying for a wrong or incomplete belief, not a physical ailment.
- 'Bear' means to lift with the idea of removing — prayer lifts and removes the burdens others carry.
- Pray the Spirit-given Ephesian prayers (Eph. 1:17-23; 3:14-21) over yourself, inserting your own name; the author did this for months before revelation came.
- Pray those same prayers for other believers by name, morning and night, and stay with it — results came in days to months.

- Help struggling believers by praying for them rather than criticizing them; this matures the whole body.

Passages worth keeping

> *"God has already blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Some Christians just don't know it, so they can't take advantage of it."*

Names the real 'infirmity' the chapter targets — ignorance of what we already have, which prayer addresses.

How it connects

Ties the body-of-Christ image (1 Cor. 12:26) to intercession: if one member suffers, the others pray the burden off.

Scripture referenced

- **Romans 15:1** -- The strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak
- **Galatians 6:2** -- Bear one another's burdens — prayer is how
- **Ephesians 1:17-23** -- The Spirit-given prayer prayed for self and others
- **Hebrews 12:1-2** -- Weights and sins hinder the race; prayer helps lift them