

# The Serious Sin of Prayerlessness

**1 Samuel 12:23** *As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you.*

A failure in prayer is not a weakness. It is a sin. The cure involves confession, repentance, forgiveness, cleansing, and transformation.

Failing to pray for those we should....  
....for what we ought  
....as God would have  
....is sin

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| Sin against the <b>person</b> of God   | -he commands us to pray, <i>"Never stop praying"</i> (1 Thess. 5:17)               |
| Sin against the <b>purpose</b> of God  | -he taught us to pray, <i>"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done..."</i> (Matt. 6:10) |
| Sin against the <b>pleasure</b> of God | - <i>"the prayer of the upright is His delight"</i> (Proverbs 15:8)                |
| Sin against the <b>promises</b> of God | - <i>"you have not because you ask not"</i> (James 4:2)                            |
| Sin against the <b>power</b> of God    | - <i>"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"</i> (James 5:16)    |

"Prayerlessness is the act of embezzling our own lives from God."  
--Abraham Joshua Heschel