

Paul writes: "We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in prayers."

Prayer...praying for others is a sacred activity. Prayer and praying for others makes a difference.

When promise to pray for someone, we have taken on a commitment. Fulfilling the promise will bring about a change in us and in the other.

At one time or another many of us have had people pray for us. We received support. We were held in love. We benefitted. We were somehow different because people prayed for us. They interceded on our behalf.

As a Community of Faith, we pray. One of the great acts of love we can engage during our week is to pray for others. Continue to do as you have been doing. In addition, when there is a need in our life, ask others for prayers. It is a way of inviting one another to care for us....to show concern for us....and to love us.

My sisters and brothers, shortly we will lift up in prayer special petitions for needs in our world and community. Listen attentively to the petitions. We respond lovingly from our hearts: "Lord, hear our prayer."