

YOU HAVE THE PERFECT PRAYER PARTNER!

(Romans 8:26-27)

I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED THROUGH HIS GLORIFICATION OF ALL BELIEVERS (8:14-39)

A. THE MULTIPLE BENEFITS OF YOUR SPIRITUAL SONSHIP (8:14-17)

B. A CORRECT PERSPECTIVE ON PRESENT SUFFERING (8:18)

C. AN EAGER ANTICIPATION OF A FUTURE GLORY (8:19-25)

D. A DIVINE INTERCESSOR FOR PERPLEXING PRAYER (8:26-27)

1. Only a believer “in Christ” who is in _____ with the Lord is on a _____ basis with God. (1 John 1:6-10)

2. The Holy Spirit renders _____ (*sunantilambanomai*) and takes hold of your prayers and _____ in your burdens. (v. 26a)

3. The Spirit enables us “*in our weaknesses*” because we do *not* know how to accurately express ourselves so that our prayers shall correspond to the genuine need. (v. 26b)
 - a. It is assumed that believers _____; but it should not be assumed that believers know specifically _____ to pray for.

 - b. When you are confused or distraught while praying, you can _____ and be confident that the Holy Spirit will quickly come to your _____ and _____ you.

4. As the indwelling Holy Spirit alone _____ how to _____ your needs, He “*makes intercession*” (*pres./act./indic.*) within you and for you. (v. 26c)

5. Creation groans (v. 22), Christians groan (v. 23), and the Spirit of God groans but in a different way; your Divine Comforter's infinite _____ is too _____ for actual _____ (v. 26d).

* Can this verse be used to support a private prayer language while speaking in tongues?

6. God the Father who searches our "hearts," is _____ with the _____ of the "Spirit", He knows why He groans for us. (v. 27a)

7. The Holy Spirit "*makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God...*" (v. 27b)

a. Paul asserts that the Spirit _____ and _____ prays to the Father on our behalf throughout the difficulties and uncertainties in our lives.

b. Later Paul teaches that the risen Christ "*also makes intercession for us*" _____ us from any and all _____. (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:24-26; 1 John 2:1)

* How can you be encouraged from this passage?