

EVANGELISM

ROOTED IN PRAYER

Have you ever run into an old acquaintance and were sorry to hear about his trouble but didn't know how to respond? Do you wish you could do more than just say "I'm sorry" or "I'll pray for you"? Even though we as Christians know that to pray with someone struggling through a difficult situation is powerful, we fear discomfort and make excuses for not doing so. The ABC's of Prayer is a simple tool to help you move beyond good intentions by bringing God's comforting, strengthening, and transforming presence into a person's life.

St. John's Parish Church



ABC'S OF PRAYER

A

Acknowledge the Situation

Acknowledge the person's fears, concerns, and hopes. Empathize with his pain, desire for relief, and a way to move forward.

Note: Before praying, always ask "Do you mind if I pray for you?" Most people will say, "Yes, please."

B

Bring God into the Situation

His character, His attributes, and His work/gifts. As you pray, draw from the deep well of God's work and word to heal, redeem, restore your life that applies to the situation.

C

Communicate Hope

In God's...
plan to redeem all things in Christ,
presence through the restoring gift of His Holy Spirit, and
sovereign purposes for our good and flourishing.