

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for June 28-29, 1997

"A Plea to Pray for Your Spiritual Leaders"

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1 Thessalonians 5:25-28

An exhortation to pray for their spiritual leaders (1 Thessalonians 5:25).

Paul and his companions had prayed for the Thessalonians and now he is asking them to do the same for them (1 Thessalonians 5:25, 1 Thessalonians 1:2).

It is common for Paul to assure a particular congregation when he begins an epistle that he is praying for them and to close the epistle with a plea for them to pray for him (Romans 1:8,10, Romans 15:30; Colossians 1:3,9,10, Colossians 4:3,4).

Paul is not at all reluctant to ask for the prayers of others (Romans 15:30).

We can pray for the safety of our spiritual leaders.

For their physical safety (Romans 15:30-31).

For their spiritual safety (Philippians 1:15-20).