

'Dig Deeper' Drive

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As school starts back up, spend a portion of your commute time in prayer. When passing others—in cars, on bike, or on foot—offer up prayers for selected individuals. Go beyond a seemingly straightforward prayer for him or her, and think outside the box: What is one thing that could brighten his day, or make her feel loved and special?

For

Young Family

Season

Fall (start with back-to-school, back-to-activities commutes)

Needed

Time together during a commute, driving, walking, or on public transportation

Activity Plan

1. While commuting together, look around for prayer opportunities, reinforcing that every single person you see is an opportunity for prayer, as we are all brothers and sisters in Christ:
 - On busy streets or highways people zip by in cars, trucks, buses, or other vehicles.
 - Walking to a neighborhood school you pass other's houses or buildings.
 - While rural areas are filled with open space, there is evidence of the folks that live or travel in the area.
2. Everyone take a turn selecting someone to pray for.
3. While at times it may seem obvious what a person's top prayer request/intention may be (such as shelter or money for a homeless person, a car for someone who has broken down, good health for someone who is ill), consider one thing (big, small, or in between) that could make them feel special and loved, and bring them closer to God that day:
 - Pray that the homeless woman at the intersection hears her favorite song on the radio that afternoon. It may take her back to a happier time and that feeling can inspire her.
 - When a luxury sports car races by, pray that the driver's son that he hasn't talked to for three months will call that evening.
 - Pray someone gets picked early in kickball, gets an unexpected card or email, has the door held open for her, reconciles with her best friend, finds \$5 in a pocket, gets the rain he prayed for, and so on.
4. Be sure that you do not by-pass people who do not appear to have obvious needs, as we are all in need of prayer and God's grace.
5. Take turns and repeat as often as the commute time allows.