



**Prayer Focus by Christianna Schreifels**  
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**Walk well in 2024- it'll be a challenging one & a good one.**

As I prayed to ask the Lord for this week's prayer focus I heard this, "Pray that you each **walk well** this year with grace and forgiveness, and to be careful." So, I asked the Lord what that message meant for us. Here is what I understood-We are going to continue in our prayer assignments, corporately and individually. We know that each one of us is not going to quit interceding for California and other important prayer assignments that we share. We are going to continue to grow in our walks in the Lord, our relationships with each other and in God's wisdom as we continue to pursue Him.

To walk well in this year, 2024, means that we will be presented with a choice to extend grace and forgiveness more than we have before to one another and even those we have not been directly affected by but because we are part of the body of Christ, we will have to pray for the ones who have fallen too and forgive them. Why? We are going to see an increase in, "mixture," and alarming exposure in the church. We will have to choose as our love may grow cold. The compassionate heart that God has placed in us as intercessors may become callous and die. I saw myself in a group setting, reaching up and asking the Lord for greater grace to continue to pray and to have the capacity to love because it was becoming more challenging with one another and in our own families. Kinda like, my heart's posture could not be hidden anymore and as I looked around, everyone could see one another's hearts just as I saw my own. There was no shame, but it seemed we grew to have deeper compassion because of the reasons (woundings) that compromised our hearts. There was no judgment.

We will choose forgiveness in a much greater measure. Choosing to forgive so to maintain relationships that seem to have been on autopilot before but we were simply out of touch with ourselves. The challenges that will come this year- globally, nationally will be sobering. This created a great deal of sensitivity. I saw God's people "rubbing each other wrongly," but the Holy Spirit said it was "iron sharpening iron."

I also saw in this vision-how quickly we, the body of Christ, became agitated and irritated with one another and it became commonplace to "feel" this way as the year progressed but then I saw that we were becoming more careful to just accept and love our fellow man and understand that our awareness of our brokenness- is a constant in the Christian. We had to learn how to love in a deeper way-much deeper than we had been before because there was so much chaos in the world. There was great success and joy in the body of Christ even though the world was more chaotic. Lots of progress for the Kingdom of God.

Being careful- meant making sure we did not stumble upon each other, especially each other's words and moods, (our sins and carnal natures.) Especially in these times of uncertainty. I saw it in a picture. The words and moods were visible, and they fell to the ground and instead of allowing any wrong word or foul mood to trip us up, we were careful to not stumble on those words. I saw one lady in particular, no, I did not know her, but I saw, "Anger," fall to the ground and she turned to me and said, "Sis, watch out, be careful to not stumble on that word," "It is my fault and

I don't want to cause you to stumble because I put that out there." WOW! I literally was amazed at what I saw. Offense was dying amongst us. It was as if we, each person in Christ, was becoming more gracious and choosing to be careful to strategically , "help," one another to walk well. I hope sharing what the Lord shared here encourages you. We are going to learn greater unity through all this. Praise You Jesus.

### **Prayer Points-**

1. Let's pray for one another by name. Keep covering the region we live with the Blood of Jesus and your dwelling. Intentionally pray for each person in your household.
2. Pray for strength- mental & emotional, mostly, spiritual, our immune systems.
3. Declare California, safe. Keep pleading the Blood of Jesus over our border, & each person crossing the border. Cancel out death, calamities, terrorist assignments are exposed and neutralized.
4. Pray that each person that crosses the border is arrested by the Holy Spirit & supernaturally saved.
5. Pray for how to prepare your home for safety & to stay warm and lit if we get blackouts. Pray for the grid in our nation to be supernaturally spared and keep working.

### **Scriptures-**

**1 John 1:9** 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Colossians 3:13** "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you"

**Luke 10:19** Behold, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you.

**Matthew 3:2** "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Song:**

<https://music.youtube.com/watch?v=BcRFw2Aels0&feature=shared> How Great Is Our God