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PRAY

- etym Lt. precari = to ask, beseech, beg, request, implore, invoke, entreat, plead.
- def [strict - to ask God for something good.
broad - the raising of one's mind & heart to God.]
- source [St. John Damascene, De Fide Orth. 3, 24.
quoted in CCC 2559.]

examples of strict meaning :

1. the Our Father (Mt. 6: 7-13, Lk. 11: 1-4) wh. consists of 7 petitions in a hierarchical order (CCC 2632).
2. At Mass (opening & closing prayer) & other liturgical prayers when the priest says "Let us pray".
3. "Could you pray for me", "I'll pray for you".

prayer of intercession

etym - inter (Lt. - between) + cedere (to go)

def - a prayer of petition to God for others

examples :

[OT]

Abraham (Gen. 18: 22-32 & 20: 7), Daniel (Dan 9),
Moses (Ex. 17: 8-16, 32: 11-14, Nbs 12)

Samuel (1 Sam. 7: 5-11, 12: 16-19)

Onias & Jeremiah (2 Macc. 15: 12-14)

Job (Job 42: 8, 9), Amos (Amos 7: 1-6)

Esther (ch. 4 - Mordecai's prayer, ch. 5 - Esther's prayer)

Jeremiah (15: 1, 18: 20), Ezekiel (Ezkl 9: 8)

NT

* - Jn 17:9-26, Lk 22:32 / Is. 53:12, Rom 8:34, Hb. 5:7.

SP - see JB, Rom 8, footnote O. SP... Col 1:3,9).
always prays for the faithful (Rom 1:8,9, Eph 1:16, 3:14-19, Phil 1:9,
asks faithful to pray for him (Rom 15:30, 2 Cor 1:11, Eph 6:19, 1 Th 5:25.
" " " " " each other (2 Cor 9:14, Eph 6:18).
says to pray for removal of obstacles (external & internal).
" " " " orderly conduct of the country's business

(to whom) [God - the Father, Son & HS (primarily)
Mary & the saints (secondarily)

(Why) * said so "ask... seek... knock..." Mt. 7:7.

OF [3 - your name, kingdom, will
4 - us bread, trespasses, lead not, deliver.
(what) [needs - N & SN goods
deliver / preserve us fr. evils [sp
psych
ph

(How) [not w/ pride, greed, distrust
w/ charity wh. includes the other virtues [theol.
moral

(for whom) [those on earth - everyone
" in purgatory - 2 Macc. 12, 2 Tm 1:16-18

(kinds)

1. liturgical - Mass, sacs, Divine office, Exposition, Exorcisms
2. devotional - rosary, div. mercy chaplet, novenas
3. personal or social, formal or informal, vocal,
meditation or contemplation, spontaneous or rote.
4. can include: sacrifices, fast, abstain, indulgence

(How often) always (Rom 12:12, Eph 6:18, Col 4:2, 1 Th 5:17).