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**I. FIRST REQUEST TO RESOLVE--“Brethren, pray for us”(Vs 25)  
(i.e. Pray for those that minister on your behalf!)**

**A. Why Pray For Them?**

**1. Because They Long For Your Prayers!**

*Romans 15:30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;*

***Ephesians 6:18-20***

*Colossians 4:3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:*

**2. Because They Labor For Your Profit!**

*1 Corinthians 7:35 And this I speak for your own profit...*

*1 Corinthians 10:33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.*

**3. Because They Live As Your Pattern!**

Jesus told his disciples...*Follow me!*

*1 Corinthians 4:16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*

*1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

*Philippians 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.*

***1 Thessalonians 1:6; 2 Thessalonians 3:7***

**4. Because They Lookout For Your Protection!**

*Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

**B. How To Pray For Them.**

1. Pray For Their Work! (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

2. Pray For Their Safety! (2 Thessalonians 3:2)

**II. SECOND REQUEST TO RECEIVE--“GREET ALL THE BRETHREN WITH AN HOLY KISS.” (Vs 26)**

**i.e. Express brotherly love to all the brethren as was the custom!**

**III. THIRD REQUEST TO READ--“I charge you by the LORD that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.” (Vs 27)**

**IV. THE BENEDICTION--“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.” (Vs 28)**

*1 Peter 5:10-11 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

**The God of all grace can give grace for every need!**