



I DON'T USUALLY DO THIS, BUT...

KEY SCRIPTURES: Zechariah 8:21, James 4:8

I sometimes see requests for prayer, especially on social media, and the person starts out his or her request with these words: I don't usually do this, but. . .

My question is: Why not?

Why don't we usually ask for prayer, as often and as easily as we ask for a laugh at a joke or an "Aww" at a cute kitten? We should so easily ask for prayer that the person who doesn't usually pray will wonder why not, and will then want to know very badly Who it is we are talking to.

Admittedly, I sometimes take prayer for granted, allowing silence to rule my day as I face my struggles. I know He hears; I am just sometimes too overwhelmed to talk.

So my "usually" turns from prayer to worry or wonder, and I am in a boat I would rather not be rowing.

That is when our asking for prayers from others becomes so important.

It's not a sign of weakness to ask for help. It's a sign of courage. It's a sign of wisdom to say, "I can't do this alone. I'm tired. I'm spent. I've run out of words. Please, friend, speak for me."

So, speak for me, friend. Pray for me, even if you don't know what it is you are praying for.

And someday, when the ebb and flow of life has reversed its course, I will do the same for you.

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