

# “Pray One for Another”

(James 5:16)

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I cannot tell why there should come to me  
A thought of some one miles and miles away!  
In swift insistence on the memory,  
Unless a need there be that I should pray.

Too hurried oft are we to spare the thought,  
For days together, of some friends away;  
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought  
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,  
And more appalling weakness and decay  
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right;  
And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me. If I intrude  
Unasked upon you, on some crowded day,  
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;  
Be very sure I need it, therefore, pray.

And when you pray, dear friend, I ask of thee,  
That thou will seek of God not mine own way;  
Not what I want, but His blest thought for me,  
Do thou through Jesus Christ implore, I pray.

—MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

(The last verse added by James M. Gray)