

## **March 2019 From a Stephen Minister**

*Linda Herner is a Stephen Minister who is currently on sabbatical. In 2008 she wrote a prayer as an assignment in a Bible Study. She came across it today and shared it with me. I am sharing it with all who read this month's Stephen Minister offering in the newsletter. It is based on I Thessalonians. I believe it is a prayer for all of us who minister to others.*

***Dear Jesus, we ask that You comfort and encourage us. Give us strength and endurance to reach out to one another.***

***Open our ears and hearts to understand the true meaning of Your Word and respecting those who speak Your truth.***

***Grant us peace throughout our walk, spreading Your calmness, and help guide us to not be afraid to forewarn the wayward.***

***Comfort all who timidly walk the path. Allow us to walk with them with Your undying support and loving encouragement.***

***We ask for tolerance and to be of good temper, reaching out to us when conflict approaches. Help us to suppress the angry words and never seek revenge.***

***Let us pursue all that is favorable in Your eyes, letting us feel great joy reveling in Your way.***

***We ask to openly call upon You at all times again and again, perpetually lifting our voices to You in our need and thanksgiving.***

***Help us to not put out Your ever shining light nor go against Your sacred Word.***

***Demonstrate to us what is truly important. Leading us from insincere praise. Keeping us ever mindfully on Your path.***

***Shield us with Your armor of protection from all evil and let us pray for each other.***

***Only You truthfully know our wants and our needs.***

***Encourage us to welcome like You with wide open arms and no judgment.***

***This prayer I ask for us all. Amen.***

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