

Prayer For My Village

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*Lord,
It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child.
But in truth, it takes a village for each of us
to walk through the busyness and messiness
of all parts of our lives.*

*Thank you Lord for my village of support,
the people you have put in my path that give me
hope when I am hopeless,
share in my joys,
hold my sorrows with me,
and remind me that I am not alone.*

*Thank you Lord for those things that I lean on to hold me up,
comforts like a cup of hot tea, a good meal, and a tight hug,
experts like doctors, therapists, and spiritual directors whose expertise
help me solve problems, keep me going, and bring greater awareness,
the beauty of the sunset, the bloom of a flowering bush, the soft wind on a hot day,
the practical supports like medications, bandages, and ice packs,
light traffic, short lines, and canceled obligations.*

*You built us with a longing for community
for which I am so grateful.*

*Open my heart and loosen the stumbling blocks of pride and ego.
Help me accept your love poured out through my village.
Remind me that I am not alone.
Not only do I have you with me always,
but you have also placed all of these people and things in my life
for the specific reason of pointing me to you and walking with me in my everyday.*

AMEN.