## PRAYER POINTS

## FOR EACH OTHER

"Whoever beseeches Hashem for mercy for his friend and he himself needs that same thing, he is answered first."

Imagine you are praying with every fiber in your being for someone else because you feel the pain of the other, this is truly an effective way to arouse Divine mercy.

Facing these situations or any of the troubles that arise in life, one naturally turns to the power of prayer. Indeed, a person's heartfelt plea to Hashem on his own behalf is a potent conduit of blessing and Divine assistance. But when those prayers come from an open heart – one that is connected to and pulsing with the pained emotions of his fellow man as well – they carry a greater power. Measure for measure, Hashem rewards our compassion for one another with an abundant flow of Divine compassion upon us.

## POINTS TO PONDER

There is a uniquely lofty level of compassion in looking beyond one's own difficulties to feel for someone else who is equally or even more challenged.

Hashem responds to our compassion for others "measure for measure," with added compassion for our own situation.

Proverbs 15:29 The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous. (TNK)