## THE BODY OF CHRIST

FAMILY DEVOTION

4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:4-8

I am sure you have heard "The Body of Christ" many times. But have you ever really thought about what that means? Think about it, a body has many parts. You may have a nose, arms, legs, feet, knees so your legs can bend, ears to hear, eyes to see! All bodies have multiple parts and all those parts work together to walk, eat, laugh, make friends, hug your family and many more things! If one part of your body hurts, you are aware of it. If you hurt your foot, it makes it difficult to walk. If your eyes stop seeing, you have to learn other ways to know where you are. All parts have different functions and are equally important. We don't expect our ears to let us see or our hands to let us walk.

So if the people of God are considered the Body of Christ, all these things should be true of us! We need to see others as part of the same whole. We are one with them the way your hands and feet belong to you! Each one of us brings something special to the whole! We all have special gifts that make The Body of Christ move and live.

## WHAT IS THE SPECIAL GIFT OR TALENT YOU BRING TO THE BODY OF CHRIST?

## DEAR GOD,

REMIND US THAT WE ARE SPECIAL AND ABLE TO STRENGTHEN THE BODY OF CHRIST. GUIDE US TO LOVE ALL OTHERS AS WE DO OUR FAMILY.

**AMEN!**