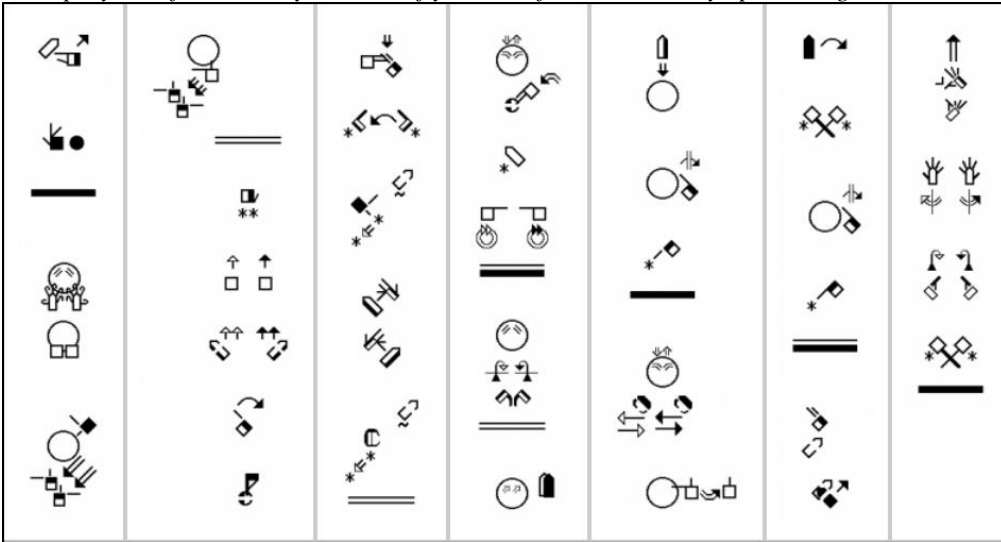


BROTHER AND SISTER TALK

The highest leaders need the prayers of the all saints. This Trinitarian verse reminds us about how dependent our leaders are on us. Our prayers break the enemies resistance behind the lines. (III.) Before the Allies landed on Normandy Beach planes bombarded German supply lines to make it a little easier for Allied landing in France.

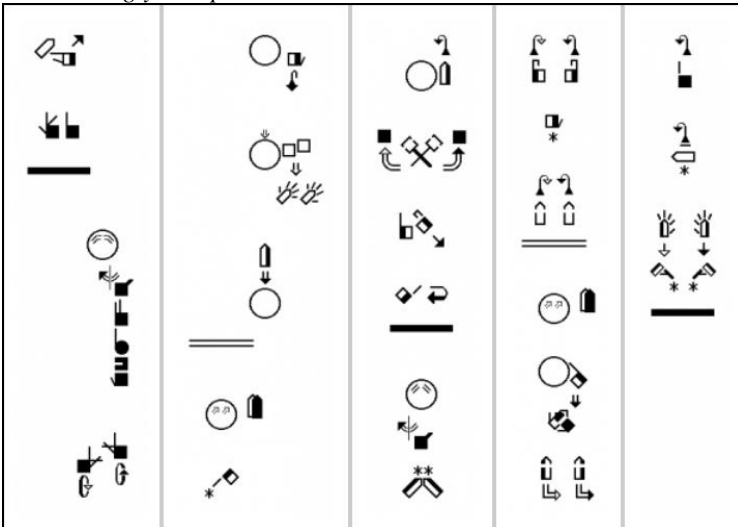
Romans 15:30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

30. Dear brothers and sisters, I strongly urge you in the the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in my struggle. How, pray God for me. Pray because of your love for me. The Holy Spirit has given love.



31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;

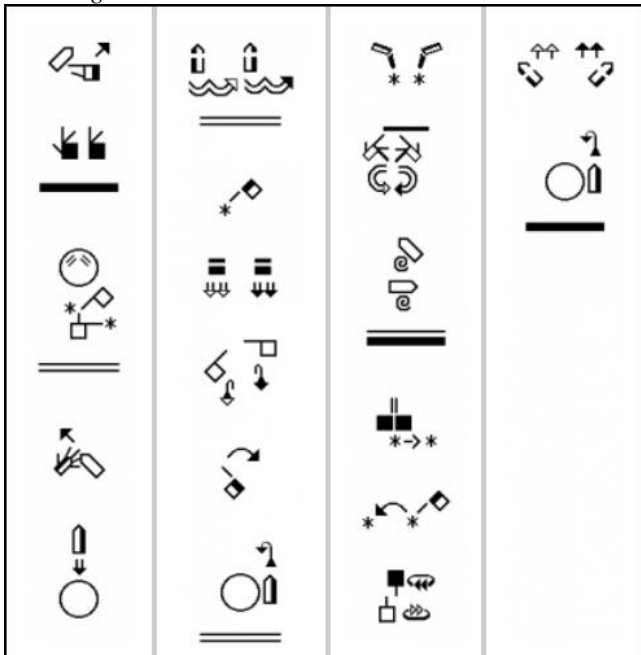
31. Judea people refuse obey God, pray I will be saved from them. Jerusalem gift I bring, pray believers there willingly accept.



Paul had a two pronged attack on the enemy. 1. To re-supply the believers. 2. Not to be captured by the enemies of the gospel. Furthermore, he asked that the gifts he was bringing would be accepted. Often Christians send real good help but the people they send it too are not receptive. Let's us graciously accept the gifts, suggestions, prayers, and help other believers send in the name of the Lord.

32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

32, Then through God's plan i can come to you in the future, having hearts pleased. Also we each-other encouraged will be.

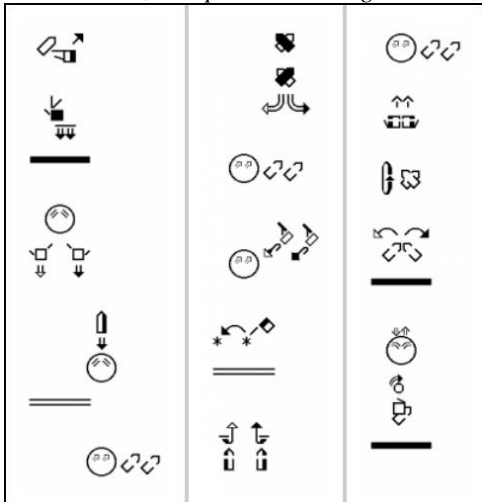


After finishing his mission Paul needed prayer that he would be able to return to his Roman Christian family. Paul's house was often a tent but a Christian is never without a home (family). He knew of the possibility of Satan messing up his plan. So, he did not request money; he requested prayer. Money is never enough; prayers ensures there will be enough.

Finally, there is that refreshing that true friends experience when they are reunited. Mission accomplished; hearts united in purpose; people sharing the joys of victory.

33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

33. Now God, that peace that He gives to us, allow God to be with all of you. Amen.



If God is always with believers why pray this prayer? There is theoretical theology and there is practical theology. Both are necessary, but if your theology is only one or the other your spiritual life will be confusing.

If you only have a little bit of theoretical theology you will not be very effective in explaining the gospel to others. They may think you a nice person but not very intelligent. If you only have theoretical knowledge of God people will find you hypocritical and not very useful.

God's presence among us is detectable by the love and peace we openly show. Practical theologians allow God to show His presence by their actions.

Brothers and sisters when we lose the open display of tender love amongst each other, when we stop praying, caring, and speaking of each other with kind words, we lose the real presence of God in our fellowship and we are left with mere theology, mere religion, and no practical peace.

Keep praying for other's success and how to love them even more.