

Why Should we Pray?

- We are commanded to pray—Romans 12:12
- The needs are great & desperate
- Prayer works
- God works through the prayers of His people
- God can do so much more than we can & in much less time

How we are to pray

We are to pray with an audacious, trusting, submissive, and bold persistence until Christ returns

In His name and according to His will

**Without these pairs,
devotion to prayer FADES**

F—Free and Formed

Using your own words & using the words of others

A—Alone and Assembled

By yourself, and together with others

D—Desperate and Delighted

Your deepest heartaches, fears, and anxieties &

Your highest joys and thanks

E—Explosive and Extended

Exploding regularly with short prayers of praise and thanks as needed throughout the day &

Lingering for a long time in prayer--like a deep conversation with your spouse

S—Spontaneous and Scheduled

Without ceasing--throughout the day with a constant spirit of communion & Scheduling time to pray each day

Different forms of prayer

1. Prayer Lists

- Make your own
- Use the bulletin

2. A.C.T.S.

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication (Asking)

3. The Lord's Prayer

- Our Father who are in Heaven
- Your Kingdom come, Your will be done
- Give us our daily bread
- Forgive us as we forgive
- Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
- For yours in the Kingdom, power. Glory forever

4. Books / Devotionals

5. Praying the Promises or Commands of God

6. Praying the Prayers in Scripture

7. Concentric Circles

- Self
- Family
- Friends
- Church
- *Here & around the world*
- Community
- Nation
- World

8. High Five Prayer



Praying for People

“Prayer is the cornerstone of all effective outreach. We unleash heavenly power when we pray for lost people. We are also called to pray for ourselves and other believers to enter the harvest fields with God’s good news.”
-Kevin Harney, *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*

How to Pray?

- In the name and power of Jesus Christ
- According to His will and for His Glory
- With a bold and shameless audacity
- With persistence until an answer is given

Five Different Ways to Pray

1. Prayer Walks

The practice of moving consistently through an area and praying as the Holy Spirit leads

- Pray for families and individuals you know.
 - Pray for them by name and ask God to meet their needs and touch lives.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to open eyes and soften hearts. God is moving in every home. People often miss His activity.
 - Pray people notice the presence & of work of God.
- Pray for believers in your community to let the light of Jesus shine in and through them.
 - Ask for gentle boldness as Christians give testimony to their faith.
- Pray for broken families to be healed, shattered hearts to be restored, loneliness to be lifted, and needs to be met in the power of Jesus.
- Ask the Spirit to bring conviction of sin that creates a longing for the cleansing that only Jesus can bring.

2. Prayers for Workers

- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the harvest fields, and ask Him to send you.
 - The harvest is ready, but the workers are few

3. Triple-Five Prayers

Lifting up 5 people for 5 minutes, 5 days a week

- Pray for their hearts to be soft to the presence and promptings of God
- Ask the Holy Spirit to convict them of sin and help them see their need for God’s Grace
- Ask God to break down and remove the obstacles in their lives that keep them from seeing and responding to the Holy Spirit’s presence
- Surrender your life, time, and words to God.
 - Ask Him to use you to reflect His grace, serve faithfully, & share His good news when the time is right.

4. Fruit of the Spirit Prayers

- Pray for God to grow The Fruit of the Spirit in the lives of His people, so we shine.
 - Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control

5. Warfare Prayers

- Pray against the work of the devil and for Christ’s will to be done.
- Ask God for discernment to see where the enemy is at work
- Pray against the work of the devil in the name of Jesus Christ
- Commit to pray with other believers

My Three

- Frequent show of friendship and love
- At the right time, an invitation to church
- **Most importantly, Daily Prayer**
 - for God’s grace to be shown in their lives
 - for their eyes and minds to see the human need
 - for opportunities to become better friends with them &
 - for an openness for them to try our church when invited.