

How can we pray for one another this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*How much prayer meant to Jesus! It was not only His regular habit, but His resort in every emergency, however slight or serious. When perplexed He prayed. When hard pressed by work He prayed. When hungry for fellowship He found it in prayer. He chose His associates and received His messages upon His knees. If tempted, He prayed. If criticized, He prayed. If fatigued in body or wearied in spirit, He had recourse to His one unfailing habit of prayer. Prayer brought Him unmeasured power at the beginning, and kept the flow unbroken and undiminished. There was no emergency, no difficulty, no necessity, no temptation that would not yield to prayer.*

S. D. Gordon

*Men's ears become satisfied with hearing, but God's ears are never satiated. He is never wearied by men's prayers. This is the heart of the truest prayer: "Lord, I'm here to do Your will." It is bringing myself into conformity with His will. It is asking Him to do His will and give me the grace to enjoy it.*

*In order to experience the fullness of communion with God, in order to open the flood gates of heaven, and to know the fullness of blessing from God, we must know how to pray.*

John MacArthur

*I can think of nothing great that is also easy. Prayer must be, then, one of the hardest things in the world.*

Timothy Keller

*Much prayer, much power. Little prayer, little power. No prayer, no power.*

Peter Deyneka Senior

*Man is at his greatest and highest when upon his knees he comes face-to-face with God.*

Martin Lloyd Jones

*We are to endure and pray in a disciplined way, until we get through duty to delight.*

J. I. Packer, Carolyn Nystrom

*True prayer is asking God for what He wants.*

William Barclay

*A changed world begins with us, and a changed us begins when we pray.*

Eugene Peterson



Colossians 4:2

*Sermon*  
Notes

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. Why is prayer so often a struggle for us?
3. Why is prayer for us so often a last resort?
4. What priority did Jesus make of prayer (*Mark 1:35-39*)?
5. Read *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*. What motivates us to stay disciplined in prayer, especially when it seems that God isn't answering?
6. Is the main purpose of prayer to have our prayers answered? Explain.
7. What is the main purpose of prayer?
8. How do you respond to someone who says, *God knows everything, including what's best for everyone, so why should I pray?*
9. What are the benefits of prayer according to *Philippians 4:6-7*?
10. What is taught about prayer in *Luke 18:1-8*?
11. Is there a proper physical position for prayer? If so, what is it? (cf. *Genesis 24:12-14; Exodus 34:8; Judges 20:26; 1 Kings 18:42; Daniel 6:10; Mark 1:40; Luke 18:13; John 17:1*)
12. How should praying together with other Christians be done? Is there a biblical procedure? Explain.
13. What do these verses teach about prayer?  
*Hebrews 11:6* – *1 John 5:14-15* –  
  
*James 4:1-3* –
14. Please be in prayer for ABC. Don't know what to pray for? Use these prayers of Paul as a guide.  
*Ephesians 1:15-23* – *Colossians 1:9-14* –  
  
*Ephesians 3:14-21* – *2 Thessalonians 1:11-12* –  
  
*Philippians 1:9-11* –
15. The Rabbis said, "All prayers will someday be discontinued, except the prayers of thanksgiving." What is your response to this statement?
16. Do we truly pray for others as Jesus did? What did Jesus pray for in *John 17:1-26*?

**Reflection Questions:** When I pray, do I spend more time talking or listening? Why? Am I devoted to prayer? How do I know? How can I become more devoted to prayer? Who am I praying for to come to salvation?