



Importance of Prayer

- Taught us by God
- Patterned in the New Testament
- “Pray” or “Prayer” mentioned 151 times in the New Testament.



Defining “Prayer”

- Entreaties
- Prayers
- Petitions
- Thanksgivings
- Intercessions
- Praise



“ACTS” Acrostic

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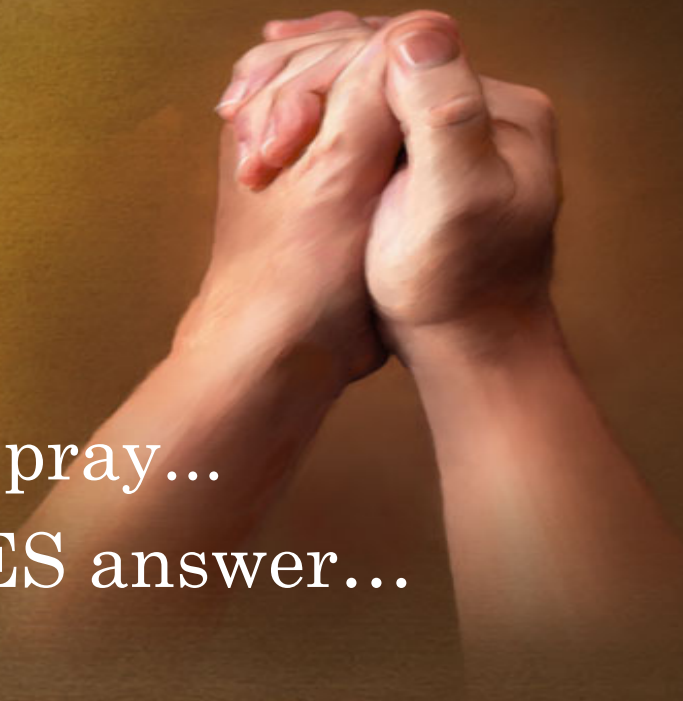
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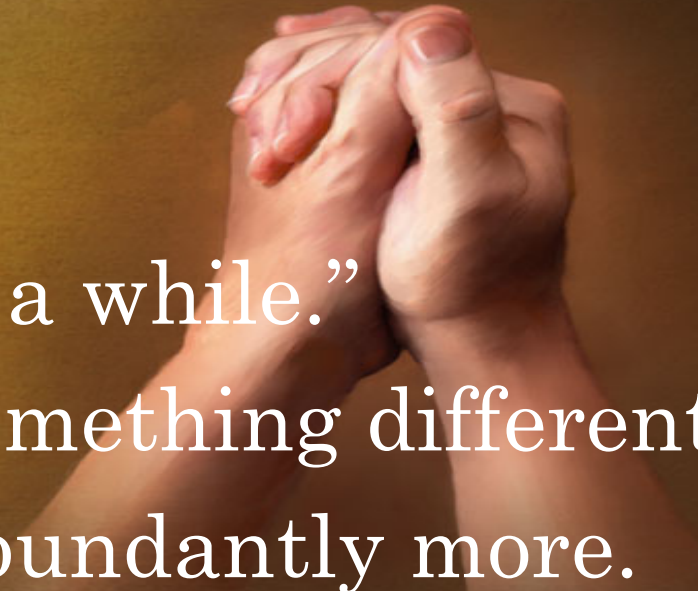


Why Christians Pray

- We believe...
- We believe God IS...
- We believe God HEARS...
- We believe God CARES...
- We believe God WANTS us to pray...
- We believe God CAN and DOES answer...
- We believe God KNOWS...



How God Answers Prayer

- Sometimes He says “yes.”
 - Sometimes He says “no.”
 - Sometimes He says “wait a while.”
 - Sometimes He gives us something different.
 - Sometimes He gives us abundantly more.
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A photograph of a church congregation kneeling in prayer. The people are seen from behind, with their heads bowed and hands clasped. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light. The text "The Transformative Power of Praying Together" is overlaid in a large, serif font. A small number "7" is in the top right corner.

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God's Response
Anticipated...
Phil 1:19-20

A Clear N. T. Pattern (Acts)...

- 120 in the upper room... 1:5, 13-14
- Picking Judas' replacement... 1:24
- Jerusalem church/Pentecost... 2:42
- Peter/John return from Sanhedrin... 4:24, 31
- Seven men to serve... 6:6
- Home of Mary... 12:11
- Antioch... 13:1-2
- Paul and Silas in Prison... 16:25

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a man with white hair, wearing a brown sweater, is kneeling and praying with his head bowed. In the background, other people are visible, some also appearing to be in prayer. The lighting is warm and focused on the people.

The Transformative Power of Praying Together

Disciples In Jerusalem

“These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer...” (Acts 1:14)

- They were **UNANIMOUS.**
- They were **HARMONIOUS.**
- They were **CONTINUOUS.**

How Does Praying Together Transform Lives? This Church?

The more we pray together...

...the greater our sense of His presence in our lives.

...the greater our hope and sense of peace.

...the more courage/passion we have to share in the mission of Jesus.

...the greater our desire to to serve.

...the less influence Satan will have on us.

...the more opportunities there will be to serve.

...the stronger our families will be.

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The Power of Plurality!

11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?

12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Eccl. 4:11–12)

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