

How Shall We Pray?

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Lifestyle evangelism is an important part of how we live our lives for Christ. There are two basic elements of this kind of lifestyle, prayer and good works. Prayer prepares our heart, helping us to receive the burden of the Lord concerning the temporal and eternal needs of others. Prayer and good works prepare the hearts of people to receive us and the truth of God's Word.

1. Prayer and the help of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Ephes. 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

1 Cor. 14:14-15 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

2. Prayer should be specific and scriptural.

Ephes. 1:18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephes. 3:16-17 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

Col. 1:9-10 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

2 Thes. 1:11-12 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. 12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Prayer for opportunity and effectiveness.

John 17:20 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

Col. 4:3-4 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

2 Thes. 3:1 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

4. Prayer and sharing your faith (good works) so that people will be saved.

Romans 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

Philemon 1:6 I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

James 2:20-22 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

5. Prayer in the name of Jesus and persistence.

John 14:13-14 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Col. 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

1 Thes. 5:16-18 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Tim. 2:1-3 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

This Weeks Assignment

Prayer prepares our heart, helping us to receive the burden of the Lord concerning the temporal and eternal needs of others. Prayer and good works combined prepare the hearts of neighbors, coworkers, friends and family members to receive us and the truth of God's Word.

1. Pray that there would be an opportunity for you to share your faith in word and/or action.
2. Pray that their hearts and minds would be open to the hope of the gospel. And that they would believe the message of Christ
3. Pray that they would be firmly grounded by faith and grow in God's

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LUKE 11:33

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4. Pray that they would be filled with the knowledge of God's will, growing in wisdom and living their lives to please the Lord.
5. Pray in the Spirit, pray continually, pray in the name of Jesus.