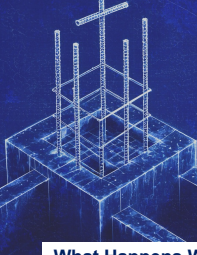


The Power of a Praying Church



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Principles for a Healthy Church

Acts 2:42-43

What Happens When Ordinary People Become Completely Devoted to Jesus?

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PRAYER

The Awe of God

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Acts 1:14

They all were continually united in prayer.

We Can Do Many Things Without Prayer, But We Cannot Do Anything of Eternal Significance Without the Power of God

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Make Prayer a Priority

Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place; and there he was praying.



ACTS PRAYER MODEL

- A** ADORATION
Focus on knowing God for His own sake for all of us.
- C** CONFESSION
Admit our sin and confess our sin to God and to the congregation.
- T** THANKSGIVING
Be grateful for your life and for the people around you.
- S** SUPPLICATION
Pray for yourself and for others needs.

Prayer Is Simply an Honest Heart Speaking to a Loving Father Through the Lord Jesus

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The Awe of God

Holy Awareness That God Is Present and Working

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Expect God to Work

Acts 12:5

*So Peter was kept in prison, **but the church was praying fervently** to God for him.*



Matthew 19:26
With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

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