

A Praying Church

Acts 1:12-14

Main Point:

Since prayer is vital for our mission, we need to be committed to it as a congregation.

1. Prayer is vital for our mission as a church.
2. This means we need to be committed to prayer.
3. As we pray for our mission, we should do so in unity.
4. We will not be disappointed when we take the time to pray.

Cross-References and Quotations

Derek Thomas "This is a beautiful picture of the early church, on its knees, waiting for God, looking to his provision of what he promised."

Luke 11:9-10, 13 ⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened ... ¹³ "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (NKJV)

Acts 2:42 ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. (NKJV)

Colossians 4:2 ² Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; (NKJV)

R. Kent Hughes "The one who wants his sail full of the breeze of the Spirit must have such perseverance in prayer."

Acts 4:24 ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, (NKJV)

Acts 12:5 ⁵ Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. (NKJV)

John 17:20-21 ²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You ... (NKJV)

John 14:12-14 ¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹³ "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ "If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*. (NKJV)