

BECOMING A PEOPLE OF PRAYER

INTRO

- The church is called a House of Prayer (Matt. 21:13)
- The church in the book of Acts began in one accord in prayer

DYNAMICS OF A PRAYING CHURCH

1. The church made up of praying people

- Devotions

Psalms 5:3 *My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.*

- Pray without ceasing
- Pray without distraction

Matthew 6:6 *But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*

- Prayer takes us back to Jesus

2. The church prays passionate prayers – fire

- No halfhearted, lukewarm prayers.

Jeremiah 29:13 *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

James 5:16 *The effectual **fervent (Be mighty in)** prayer of a righteous man **avails much.** (Exercise force)*

3. The church believes that prayer works

Mark 11:24 *Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

4. The church sets the watchmen on the wall

Isaiah 62:6 *I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,*

- **Jesus said, “Watch and pray.”**

5. The church prays for the harvest

Matthew 9:37-38 *Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

- **Revival – about souls**
- **Revival will mess up your life**

PRAYER QUOTES

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? **Corrie Ten Boom**

Those who know God the best are the richest and most powerful in prayer. Little acquaintance with God, and strangeness and coldness to Him, make prayer a rare and feeble thing. **E. M. Bounds**

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy. **Corrie Ten Boom**

Pray, and let God worry. **Martin Luther**

I must secure more time for private devotions. I have been living far too public for me. The shortening of devotions starves the soul, it grows lean and faint. I have been keeping too late hours. **William Wilberforce**

We hear it said that a man will suffer in his life if he does not pray; I question it. What will suffer is the life of the Son of God within him, which is nourished not by food but by prayer...Prayer is the way the life of God is nourished. **Oswald Chambers**

Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons; but they are helpless against our prayers. **J. Sidlow Baxter**

Prayer is not so much an act as it is an attitude—an attitude of dependency, dependency upon God. **Arthur W. Pink**

Prayer does not fit us for the greater work, prayer *is* the greater work. **Oswald Chambers**