

GROWTH TRACK
Lesson Two
The Local Church

The Life of Prayer

"The most untapped resource of the Christian prayer"

1. Jesus prayed and taught others the value of prayer.

a. **Luke 5:16** So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

b. **Luke 11:1** Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

2. Private Prayer.

a. **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.

3. Corporate Prayer

a. Cornerstone of New Testament Church. **Acts 2:42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

b. Source of New Testament Power. **Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

4. Praying for Leaders

a. **1 Timothy 2:1-4** Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. - civil leaders

b. **2 Thessalonians 3:1-2** Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

5. Praying for other believers

a. **Ephesians 6:18-19** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for

me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

b. **Ephesians 1:17-19** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Colossians 1:9-12 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Galatians 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

6. Praying for the lost

a. **Romans 10:1** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel[a] is that they may be saved.

b. **2 Corinthians 4:4** whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

7. Praying in the Spirit

a. **1 Corinthians 14:14** For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

b. praying in known language

c. praying in unknown language

8. Prayer of Faith

a. **James 5:15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

b. **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.