

Praying Dangerous Prayers

“Prayer for Enemies”

Acts 7:54-60

As the early Church grew in numbers and influence, persecution increased. Stephen is the first recorded Christian martyr, and his testimony provides a model for serious Christian commitment in every generation. His powerful prayer compels us to take seriously our status as outsiders in this world.

1. Living Witness of Spiritual Authority (vv.54-56)

- **His Stature** (vv.54, 55)

- **His Secret** (v.56)

2. Dying Witness of Personal Conviction (vv.57-60)

- **His Composure** (vv.57, 58)

- **His Confidence** (v.59)

- **His Christlikeness** (v.60)