

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

JANUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 5

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Acts 2:42-47, Matthew 6:1, 6-15

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A CHALLENGE TO US

The early church saw prayer as much more _____ to their Christian life than we do, and prayed much more _____ than we do.

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU PRAY

- A Christian's identity is _____, not _____.
- Obedience in public doesn't guarantee a reward from God, because _____ is more important than simple _____.
- Even though God already _____, we should not hesitate to _____.
- Prayer is as much about changing _____ – even while we seek God's _____.

WHEN YOU PRAY

1. _____
2. _____ *(Romans 8:28)*
3. _____
 - Prayer is not just _____, it must also be _____.
4. _____ against the _____ status quo.

PRAYERS WE SHOULD PRAY

1. _____: Prayers that praise God's glory.
2. _____: Prayers where we find God's grace for our lives, and for other's lives.
3. _____: Asking his God's help for ourselves, others, the world. *(Psalm 61:1-2, James 4:2-3)*

BEGIN, AGAIN

The requirement for praying the way Jesus envisions is a _____-based _____ relationship with God as father.

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Matthew 6:1, 6-15

¹ "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven..."

⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' ¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."