

This is Us

THE CHURCH DEFINED

We pray without hesitation or ceasing

Luke 5:16

*But Jesus **often withdrew** to lonely places and
prayed.*

“Jesus went from place-of-prayer to place-of-prayer, and in between, ministry and miracles happened!”

John 15:5 “apart from me you can do nothing”

Without a **grateful heart**, a **perceived need** and a **confident faith**, **we will not pray!!!**

1. Prayer is our right.

Rom 8:15-17

*For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption **as sons** by which we **cry out**,
"Abba! **Father!**"*

Rom 8:15-17

*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God** , and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.*

Heb 4:16

*Let us therefore **draw near with confidence** to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need*

2. Prayer is expected of us.

a. Jesus expects it of us

*Matt 6:5 “and **when** you pray...”*

*Matt 6:6 “ but **when** you pray...”*

*Matt 6:7 “And **when** you pray...”*

*Matt 6:9 “This, then, is how you **should** pray”*

Luke 11:9 “So I say to you: Ask...seek...knock”

*Luke 18:1 “Then Jesus told his disciples...
they **should always pray.**”*

b. God's Word is clear concerning prayer.

Col. 4:2 *“Devote yourself to prayer”*

1 Thess. 5:17 *“Pray continually”*

Acts 1:14 *“Continually devoting themselves to prayer”*

Acts 2:42 *“devoting themselves to ...teaching... fellowship...breaking of bread and prayer”*

3. Prayer is a learned discipline

Luke 11:1

*"Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught
his disciples."*

By praying
By meditating on scripture
By praying with others
By reading about prayer

Luke 18:1-2

Now He was telling them a parable to show that
at all times they ought to pray and **not to lose
heart...**

4. Persistence is needed in prayer

a. Humbleness

James 4:6-7

"God is opposed to the proud , but gives grace to the humble."

b. Neediness

Phil 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

2 Chron 26:15

*Hence his fame spread afar, for **he was marvelously helped until he was strong.***

c. Confident Faith

Hebrews 11:6

*And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for **he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.***

James 4:8a

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.