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(2 Chronicles 16:9 BSB) For the eyes of the LORD roam to and fro over all the earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are fully devoted to Him.

(Romans 12:10-13 NASB) Be <u>devoted to one another</u> in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor, not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, <u>devoted to prayer</u>, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

(Acts 1:14 NASB) All these were continually devoting themselves with one mind to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

(Acts 2:42) All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

--- Why Pray? --
1. We are to do so.

(Colossians 4:2) Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

- (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Never stop praying.
- (1 Samuel 12:23) As for me, I will certainly not sin against the Lord by ending my prayers for you. And I will continue to teach you what is good and right.

2. Prayer impacts the lives _____.

(1 Timothy 2:1-2) I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

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(James 5:16) Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

(Romans 10:1) Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.

(2 Corinthians 1:10-11) And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us. And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety.

3. Prayer impacts _____ with the Lord.

(Hebrews 4:15-16) This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

(1 John 1:9) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

(1 John 5:14 ESV) And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

--- A prayer life that never FADES ---

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