

How to Pray For The Church

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31 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR AMERICA

- **WEEK 1: We Prayed For Our Foundations**
- **WEEK 2: We Prayed For People & Families**
- **WEEK 3: We Pray For The Church**

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***A church can make an incredible impact when its people pray
!***

- “A praying church can make the difference between powerful services that keep you on the edge of your seat and powerless services that keep you watching the clock”

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The praying church is enabled to both GIVE and RECEIVE incredible blessings

- Prayer is a key to unlocking God's plans For the Church and our future
- ***Have you thought about the potential of the church?***

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Ephesians 3:10–11 (NIV) — 10 His intent was that now, *through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known* to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, **11** according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **God is using the church to make a point about his eternal purpose**

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The Church Has The Potential To Reach The World

- *“There Is Nothing In This World That Has As Much Potential To Be An Instrument Of Change As The Church” – John Maxwell*
- *“The Church Is Potentially A Powerful Body With A Necessary Arsenal At Its Disposal To Change The Moral Character Of This World”*
– Dr. Paul Tillich

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The great needs of the church are closely related to the fact that we don't pray as much as we ought to pray

- We don't often consider the opportunity to pray as the privilege that it really is
- ***In times of prayer, we can access the power, wisdom, understanding and instruction of God Almighty—
What a privilege!***

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When we don't pray, *our spiritual lives soon become weak—The church may seem dismal*

- We don't want to miss out on the great opportunity we have to pray
- Answers to the greatest needs of the church-- Start with prayer
- **Prayer is not an option -- it is an essential of the church**

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There is no better way for a church to flourish than if it's people will be people of prayer

- “The devil is perfectly willing for the church to multiply its organizations ... if he can only get the church to give up praying”
- ***Satan will do everything that he can to stop us from praying***

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Prayer is foundational to all that is essential in developing a growing, thriving, New Testament church

- It is by prayer that we get the important things of the kingdom done
- God is calling us both individually and corporately to a renewed priority of prayer

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#1 Greatest Need Of The Church Is **A Spiritual Renewal Of The Church**

- **Revelation 2:4–5 (NIV) — 4** Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. **5** Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

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PRAYER: Lord, renew Your Church. Restore our passion for the gospel and devotion to Your Word. Forgive us where familiarity has replaced awe. Lead us back to wholehearted love for You.

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#2 Greatest Need Of The Church Is Pastors And Leaders To Be Touched By The Lord's Presence

- **Hebrews 13:17 (NIV) — 17** Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you

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#2 Greatest Need Of The Church Is Pastors And Leaders To Be Touched By The Lord's Presence

PRAYER: God, strengthen pastors and leaders across America. Guard their hearts, protect their families and refresh their spirits. Give them wisdom, courage, and endurance to shepherd Your people faithfully

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#3 Greatest Need Of The Church Is **For The Church To Be Holy In Everything**

- **1 Peter 1:15–16 (NIV) — 15** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; **16** for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

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#3 Greatest Need Of The Church Is For The Church To Be Holy In Everything

PRAYER: Lord, call us back to holiness—not withdrawal from the world, but devotion to You. Shape our lives so our words, actions, and choices reflect Your character.

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#4 Greatest Need Of The Church Is Gospel Boldness

Romans 1:16 (NIV) — 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

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#4 Greatest Need Of The Church Is **Gospel Boldness**

PRAYER: Jesus, give us boldness marked by love and humility. Remove fear and complacency. Help us live and speak the gospel with clarity and grace

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**#5 Greatest Need Of The Church Is That We
Would Be A Faithful Witness**

Matthew 5:16 (NIV) — 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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**#5 Greatest Need Of The Church Is That We Would Be
A Faithful Witness**

PRAYER: Lord, let our lives shine with integrity and compassion. May our faith be visible in how we love, serve, and speak truth.

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#6 Greatest Need Of The Church Is Laborers For The Harvest

Matthew 9:37–38 (NIV) — 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.
38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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#6 Greatest Need Of The Church Is Laborers For The Harvest

PRAYER: God, sends workers into the mission field. Stir hearts to say yes—to serve, to go, and to live sent lives wherever You place them.

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#7 Greatest Need Of The Church Is **Perseverance**

Galatians 6:9 (NIV) — 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

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#7 Greatest Need Of The Church Is Perseverance

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