

Devoted to God's Means of Grace: The Prayers

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Means of Grace / Acts 2:42

Prayer is a public means of grace through which the gathered church expresses dependence upon God, communes with Him, receives help and strength, and aligns the heart with His will.

I. Distinguished from Private Prayer

[Matthew 6:6](#); [Acts 4:24](#);

II. Means of Grace

[1 Timothy 2:1-8](#);

III. Structured, Not Ritualistic

[Matthew 6:7](#);

IV. Function of Corporate Prayer

- Reminds Church of its Dependency

[John 15:5](#);

- Shapes the Mission of the Church

[Matthew 16:18](#); [John 14:13-14](#); [Matthew 9:37-38](#);

- Strengthens, Empowers, Mobilizes Ministry

[Colossians 4:3-4](#); [Ephesians 6:19-20](#); [Acts 4:29](#); [2 Timothy 1:3-7](#);

- Deepens Spiritual Comprehension and Maturity

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#); [3:14-19](#); [Philemon 4-6](#);

V. Conclusion: Contributes to Fulfillment of Great Commission

[Matthew 28:19-20](#);