

# Prayer

## 1. Prayers

**Acts 2:42, 46** And they continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the **prayers**...and day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple and from house to house, they partook of their food with exultation and simplicity of heart. **Eph. 6:18** By means of **all prayer** and petition, **praying at every time in spirit** and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

**Acts 12:12** When he became aware of this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who was surnamed Mark, where there was a considerable **number assembled together and praying**.

## 2. Prayer is to c\_\_\_\_\_ God in our s\_\_\_\_\_ and to a\_\_\_\_\_ God Himself

**Jude 20-21** But you, beloved, building up yourselves upon your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Spirit**, Keep yourselves in the love of God, awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**Lam. 3:55-56** I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, / From the lowest pit. You have heard my voice; do not hide / Your ear at my **breathing**, at my cry.

**2 Cor. 12:8-9** Concerning this I **entreated the Lord three times** that it might depart from me. And He has said to me, **My grace** is sufficient for you, for **My power** is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

## 3. Prayer is to bring heaven's will to earth

**Matthew 6:10** Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

**Matthew 18:18** Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven. **19** Again, truly I say to you that if **two of you are in harmony on earth** concerning any matter for which they ask, it will be done for them from My Father who is in the heavens. **20** For where there are two or three **gathered into My name**, there am I in their midst.

**1 Tim. 2:4** [God] **desires** all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

### Questions:

Fill in the blank for point 2 together and recite it to one another. How might this be different from an unbeliever's definition of prayer?

Have you ever had a prayer answered? Share any experiences. If you don't have any, what prayers would you like to have answered?

Is there anyone in your life that God desires to be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth? Feel free to pray for them in your groups.