



Series: Encountering God

Title: Encountering God Through Prayer

August Verse: *We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.*
(Romans 15:1-2)

Parkway Plumbline #8: Prayer is not the beginning of the work. It is the work.

- a. We depend fully on God for everything we do.

We need revival

Let's join the psalmist in asking God, "Will You not revive us again so that Your people may rejoice in You?" (Psalm 85:6 HCSB).

Remember: "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much". (James 6:16 NKJV).

The appeal of the psalmist: "Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully". (Psalm 24:3-4 KJV)

Let's make sure our hands and our hearts are clean.

Guided Corporate Prayer

In your group, take turns to lead the group in the prayer prompt you select. Pray through to the end. Systematically pray through each of the following prayer prompts. When you are not the one leading the prayer prompt, your responsibility is to keep your mind and thoughts focused in agreement with the prayer.

- Pray for a spirit of repentance to fall on individuals and our congregation at large. (Acts 5:11)
- Pray for a spirit of forgiveness to permeate the members of our church so that they are reconciled to one another. (Matt. 6:14-15)
- Pray for families within our church to draw close to Jesus and to each other. (Eph. 3:14-21)





- Pray for a spirit of humility to replace any pride that has arisen within our church. (Gal. 5:22-25)
- Pray for kingdom purposes to be accomplished within your life and through our church. (Matt. 6:33)
- Pray for a spirit of surrender to our Father's will, following the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (Luke 22:42)
- Pray for a 'spirit of prayer' to permeate the church so that our church becomes a 'house of prayer'.
- Pray for lost people to be saved. (1 Tim. 2:1-5)

Some Healthy Prayer Practices

1. Ask God to teach you to pray (Luke 11:1).
2. As far as possible, set a time and place.
3. Practice solitude and silence (Mark 1:35; Psalm 46:10).
4. Live in His Presence (1 Thes. 5:17).
5. Pray for the lost by name.
6. Pray for your family and friends.
7. Pray for the advance of the Kingdom (2 Thess. 3:1, - course).
8. Consider beginning a prayer journal.

For further growth, practice, and development in the life of prayer: A free online course:

Growing in the Life of Prayer - A Voice for the Nations

- <https://imb.pathwright.com/library/> then select the course: **A Voice for the Nations**. This course may be taken individually or as a cohort.

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