

The Blessings Of Prayer

by Gene Taylor via the church of Christ in Zion, IL

One of the greatest blessings a child of God has is prayer, the right to communicate with God. Anyone who is striving to do the will of the Lord will have an active prayer life.

Give Yourself to Prayer

In several New Testament passages the Christian is urged to give time, to prayer. In Luke 18, Jesus taught a parable to demonstrate that people "always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). The apostle Paul, in 1 Timothy 2:8, encouraged men in every place to pray. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Christians are commanded to "Pray without ceasing."

To "pray without ceasing" is not to have some incessant babbling on your lips but to have the attitude of mind to regularly and frequently pray. It means to have a willingness to talk to God—to share burdens, to confess sins and to pray for strength and courage.

Many Neglect to Pray

Even though many commands and encouragements to pray are contained in Scripture, sometimes children of God neglect this glorious privilege. It is only at worship assemblies or in times of trouble, sickness or need that some who claim to be Christians even give thought to prayer. Why the neglect?

Many reasons could be given which are too lengthy and varied to explore in this short article, so instead we will just consider one. Neglect of prayer usually indicates neglect in other phases of one's life as a child of God.

The mind of such a person is often on worldly things. Prayer, which can so easily be put off, is postponed then forgotten.

A hymn often sung asks, "Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?" Did you? Or were other things on your mind? If you did not think to pray, you let a great opportunity escape which can never be recovered. You should have at least thanked God for the new day and the breath of life that is in your body that enables you to experience and enjoy it.

Things for Which to Pray

Some may be hesitant to pray as often as they should because they do not know the things for which they should pray. If they were to properly study the Bible, they would know those things for which they should pray because it reveals them.

According to Scripture, included in those things for which the Christian should pray are:

- Those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44)
- The Lord's will to be done (Matthew 6:10)
- Daily bread (Matthew 6:11)
- Forgiveness of sin (Matthew 6:12)
- Kings and all who are in high places (I Timothy 2:2)
- All men (1 Timothy 2:1)
- That you enter not into temptation (Matthew 26:41)
- If you are suffering (James 5:13)
- The sick (James 5:14-15)

Why the Emphasis on Prayer?

Why emphasize prayer? James 5:16 gives the answer: "...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." It works! 1 Peter 3:11-12 states that "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers." He hears and answers in accordance with His will if the Christian prays in faith (James 1:6).

Conclusion

Make your life a life of prayer. If you are going to be truly like Jesus, it will be. Jesus was a man of prayer. He recognized its vital role. Often in His life on earth, He prayed. John 17 contains His prayer for His disciples. Matthew 26 has His prayer in the garden prior to His capture. He also spent time teaching His disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-15). Be a faithful Christian. Be Christ-like. Be a prayerful person.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

Ladies' Bible Class meets on Tues. at 10 AM
starting Mar. 7, 2023 meeting every other week.

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This bulletin can also
be found on our website.

We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium.

There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium
up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.*



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Condolences to Sherry Carter on the passing of her uncle Ron Bowser on Wednesday Feb 22nd.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Roger Mapes It was announced last Sunday he was still at Kenmore Mercy and was expected to be transferred to rehab (at Kenmore Mercy) Feb. 20th.

Jessica Alcorn continues with chemo treatments. She thanks all for the cards, calls, and prayers on her behalf.

Darlene Reed It was good to see her with us last Sunday after dealing with Covid.

Mark Dailey and also **Kris Kinney** were under the weather last week.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother) Let's pray for her as she deals with health issues.

Cheryl Moore-Johns (lifelong friend of Bev McArthur) She is facing several surgical procedures. She recently had oral surgery and will have surgery on her left shoulder in April. She is thankful for our prayers.

Steve Shaw, Pam Schnell's and Jim Mellott's cousin, is in serious condition after suffering a massive heart attack.

Jeff Elder's father is dealing with heart issues.

Cheryl, Bruce Brink's future mother in law, is dealing with hip pain and limited mobility.

Hope Rice's mother had a house fire before Christmas. Hope is asking for prayers that the people she use to worship with will reach out to her mom.

Peter is dealing with colon cancer. He is the husband of Lynn who is Denise Garlitz' niece. Let's pray for them.

Barb Stortz Some of us here know her. She is a member at Amherst. She is requesting prayers on her behalf because she is suffering with C. Diff.

Laval Baptiste, Louella Hopkins' brother, age 83, is dealing with pneumonia.

Kassandra (Louella Hopkins' granddaughter) has Covid, along with her husband Anthony and son Elliot.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray for our shut-ins, widows and widowers, and call, send cards, and be of service.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Mar. 05 Next Sunday *Potluck*

Mar. 07 Ladies' Bible Class resumes. (Weather permitting)

Mar. 11 Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

Mar. 19 Men's Business Mtg.

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$950.00

Attendance Last Sunday 34

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Mission Info Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

Ukraine Relief

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com <https://kachelman.com>

For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for Mission Work.

Philippines We support Caleb & Vanessa Callari doing mission work in the Philippines.

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for: Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism Philippines

Zambia

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at www.zambiamission.org

Matthew 19:14

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Thank You to Rodney Jones for conducting last weeks Adult Bible Class.



Weather permitting, class will resume starting March 7 and 21 at 10 AM at the building. Class will meet every other week. Lesson 7. Questions? See Jean Cameron

Potluck Next Sunday Mar. 5th

Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup and cleanup.

Groups 1, 2, & 3 are the Groups from the Phone Tree.

Group 1 Those in Ron & Jean Cameron's Group

Group 2 Those in Rodney & Carol Jones' Group.

Group 3 Those in Louella Hopkins' Group.

March Birthdays

04 Kent Blakelock 13 Kassandra Kern

04 Marjorie Reed 22 Sharon Wheeler

07 Edie Sumner 27 David Alcorn

11 Logan Bennett 28 Jordan Schnell



March Anniversaries

09 Kent & Phyllis Blakelock