

**“PRAYING FOR ...”
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“Praying for Things” (1 John 5:14-15)

1. Pray with a plan

- Have a specific time and place for prayer (Mark 1:35)
- ex. 20/20 (20 minutes in prayer; 20 minutes in God's word)

2. Pray with balance (A.C.T.S.)

- Adoration (Psalm 29:2)
- Confession (1 John 1:9)
- Thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- Supplication (James 4:2)

3. Pray in Jesus' name

- Pray with Jesus as your mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)
- Pray with Jesus' authority (John 16:23)

4. Pray with right motives

- Do not pray with selfish motives (James 4:3)
- Pray that God will be glorified (Matthew 6:9)

5. Pray according to God's will

- Pray for God's will to be done (Matthew 6:10)
- Submit your will to God's will (Luke 22:42)

6. Pray with faith

- Approach God with confidence (1 John 5:14-15)
- Ask in faith believing (James 1:6-7)
- Claim God's promises (Psalm 145:13)

7. Pray with perseverance

- Keep on asking, seeking, knocking (Matthew 7:7-8)
- Always pray and never give up (Luke 18:1)

“Praying for Forgiveness” (1 John 1:5-10)

I. Praying for salvation

- A. Admit: Admit you are a sinner in need of a Savior
- Proverbs 28:13; Romans 3:23

- B. Believe: Believe in Jesus as your Savior
- John 1:12, 3:16

- C. Confess: Confess your sin and Jesus as Lord
- Psalm 32:5; Romans 10:9

II. Confessing sin

- A. Unconfessed sin breaks your fellowship with God
- Psalm 66:18; 1 John 1:6

- B. Confessing sin restores your fellowship with God
- Psalm 19:12; 1 John 1:9

- C. Do I ask God for forgiveness or thank God for forgiveness?
- Psalm 103:2-4; Matthew 6:9,12

III. Forgiving others

- A. ðForgive us as we forgive others
- Matthew 6:12,14-15

- B. Forgive others as Christ forgave you
- Ephesians 4:32

“Praying for Healing” (James 5:13-16)

I. The relationship between sickness and sin

- A. Sickness is a consequence of sin (general and specific)
 - Romans 8:22-23; 1 Corinthians 11:30

- B. Jesus died specifically for sin, not for sickness
 - Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24

- C. Jesus died to remove the consequences of sin
 - Revelation 21:4

II. The difference between healing and forgiveness

- A. Healing and forgiveness are often mentioned together
 - Psalm 41:4, 103:2-3; Jeremiah 17:14

- B. Four major differences between forgiveness and healing
 - 1) instantaneous vs. sometimes delayed
 - 2) complete vs. sometimes partial
 - 3) permanent vs. sometimes temporary
 - 4) guaranteed vs. sometimes not granted

III. Instructions on praying for healing

- A. Praying for different types of healing
 - 1) natural healing (Proverbs 17:22)
 - 2) medical healing (1 Timothy 5:23)
 - 3) miraculous healing (Matthew 9:35)

- B. Specific instructions for the church (James 5:14-16)
 - 1) call the elders of the church
 - 2) elders pray anointing with oil
 - 3) prayer of faith will make the person well
 - 4) any sin must be confessed

“Praying for Victory over Sin” (2 Peter 1:3-4)

I. Foundations for victory

- A. Authority (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
 - You have been given authority in Christ

- B. Grace (Hebrews 2:18, 4:15-16)
 - Jesus knows what you’re going through

II. Understanding temptation

- A. Temptation is not sin (Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 4:15)

- B. Temptation does not come from God (James 1:13)

- C. Know your enemy (the flesh, the world and the devil)

- D. Know how temptation works (James 1:14-15)
 - desire temptation sin death

III. How to pray for victory over sin

- A. Everyday prayers:
 - 1) Pray against temptation (Matthew 6:13, 26:41)
 - 2) Pray for wisdom (Proverbs 13:14; James 1:5)
 - 3) Offer yourself to God (Romans 6:13, 12:1)
 - 4) Pray for God’s Spirit to lead you (Galatians 5:16-18)
 - 5) Confess and forgive (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

- B. When you are being tempted:
 - 1) Pray for wisdom (see above)
 - 2) Pray for God to show you his way out (1 Cor. 10:13)
 - 3) Pray against any power of Satan (James 4:7)
 - 4) Draw near to God in prayer (Psalm 25:15; James 4:8)

IV. Three more helps in prayer

- A. Act on your prayers (Ex 34:12-13; Neh 4:7-9; Prov 6:27-28)
- B. Pray with and for each other (Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16)
- C. Know that Jesus prays for you, too! (Luke 22:31-32)

“Praying for Church and Family” (Matthew 6:9-13)

I. The importance of church and family

- A. Three primary institutions (family; church; government)
 - Genesis 2:24; Matthew 16:18; Romans 13:1
- B. The principle of stewardship (praying for responsibilities)
 - Matthew 25:21

II. Praying for family (Job 1:1-5; Psalm 23; Lord's Prayer)

- A. Physical needs (health; work; finances; etc.)
 - Psalm 23:1-2; Matthew 6:11
- B. Spiritual needs (salvation; spiritual growth)
 - Psalm 23:3; Matthew 6:12
- C. Protection (evil; danger; accident; injury; sickness; harm)
 - Psalm 23:4; Matthew 6:13
- D. Relationships (peace; unity; spouse/future spouse; children; etc.)
 - Psalm 23:5; Matthew 6:14-15
- E. Guidance and direction (God's will; God's purposes)
 - Psalm 23:3,6; Matthew 6:9-10

III. Praying for church

- A. People (prayer list; small groups; ministry teams; protection)
 - Ephesians 6:18
- B. Leadership (pastors; deacons; other leaders)
 - Ephesians 6:19
- C. Ministries (God glorified; people serve; body built up; maturity)
 - Ephesians 4:11-13
- D. Growth (spiritual; numerical; financial; demographic)
 - Matthew 13:31-32
- E. Witness (unity; gospel; evangelism)
 - John 17:20-21
- F. Missions (see upcoming message: Praying for Missions)

“Praying for the Lost” (Colossians 4:2-6)

I. Pray for Open Eyes / *Awareness of Need*

- A. Pray for your own eyes to be open (compassion for the lost)
- John 4:35; 2 Corinthians 5:16

- B. Pray for the eyes of the lost to be open (conviction of sin)
- Acts 26:17-18; 2 Corinthians 4:4

II. Pray for Open Doors / *Opportunities to Share*

- A. Some doors are wide open (divine appointments)
- Acts 14:27

- B. Some doors are initially shut (takes wisdom to open)
- Proverbs 11:30; Colossians 4:2-6

III. Pray for an Open Mouth / *Faith and Boldness to Share*

- A. Trust God to give you the words (takes faith)
- Exodus 4:11-13; Luke 21:14-15

- B. Share the good news of Jesus (takes boldness)
- Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:19-20

IV. Pray for Open Hearts / *Faith Response to the Gospel*

- A. We plant the seed (pray and share the gospel)
- Luke 8:5,11; Acts 16:13-14

- B. God brings the results (draws people's hearts to Christ)
- John 6:44; 1 Corinthians 3:6

“Praying for Missions” (Matthew 9:35-38)

I. The need for the gospel

- A. All have sinned and need salvation
 - Romans 3:23; Revelation 20:11-15

- B. Jesus is the only Savior for the world
 - John 14:6; Acts 4:12

- C. God wants people saved from all nations
 - Isaiah 49:6; John 3:16

II. The need for workers

- A. Jesus tells us to go into all the world
 - Matthew 28:19; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8

- B. We need people who are willing to go
 - Matthew 9:37-38; Romans 10:13-15

III. The need for prayer

- A. Pray various Scriptures relating to missions
 - Matthew 6:9-10, 9:38; Revelation 5:9, 7:9-10

- B. Pray for your church's missionaries
 - prayer list; brochure; weekly focus; newsletters

- C. Pray for specific nations and unreached peoples
 - Operation World; Joshua Project

- D. Ask God what he would have you do
 - willing to pray, give or go (or any combination)