

Saturday

Please read Psalm 28:6–9 & 61:1–3. How do these verses encourage you? How can they impact your prayer life?

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that our Vision Weekend will infuse the church with a sense of passion and purpose!



PART 6

...IN MY PRAYER LIFE

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COLOSSIANS 4:2–4, 12–13

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. *Colossians 4:2*

Why don't we pray more?

Common obstacles to an active prayer life...

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Why pray?

- **Because** _____

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. *Colossians 4:3–4*

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. *Ephesians 6:19–20*



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How do I pray?

- **Be** _____

Devote yourselves to prayer... *Colossians 4:2a*

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
Ephesians 6:18a

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. *Colossians 4:12–13*

- **Be** _____

...being watchful... *Colossians 4:2b*

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.
Ephesians 6:18b

- **Be** _____

...and thankful. *Colossians 4:2c*

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 5:19b,20*

Bottom line: _____

Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read Colossians 4:2–4 & 12–13. What is something you learned about prayer in last weekend's sermon?

What struggles do you have when it comes to prayer?

How were you encouraged by last weekend's sermon? How are you planning to apply that to your prayer life?

Thank God today for the opportunity to pray and talk to Him. Ask Him to use the study of prayer this week to grow your relationship with Him and your impact in other's lives.

Tuesday

Please read Ephesians 6:19–20 & Colossians 4:3–4. List three ways you've personally seen prayer make a difference either in your life or the life of someone else.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do you learn from Paul's model of prayer in these passages?

How does praying specifically help you see the impact of prayer?

As you pray today, take a moment and write down at least two specific prayer requests that you have. Commit these things to the Lord and ask Him grow you through praying for these specific issues.

Wednesday

Please read Ephesians 6:18 & Colossians 4:12–13. Think honestly about your prayer life. Would you describe your prayer life as "devoted"? Why or why not?

How could a more active prayer life impact your relationship with God? Your relationship with others?

What is one thing you can do to make prayer more of an ongoing habit?

Thank God today for His love for you. Ask Him to give you an increasing desire to meet with Him in prayer.

Thursday

Please read Ephesians 5:19–20 & Colossians 4:2. What instructions on prayer does Paul give in these verses?

How have you/will you incorporate these instructions into your prayer life?

Write down three things you are thankful for right now:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How can thankfulness help set your prayer life free?

Spend time thanking God today for the many blessings He's given you. Sing some worship songs to Him. Pray that you'll be willing to stretch and grow in how you pray.

Friday

Please read Matthew 6:5–13. What do you learn about prayer in this classic passage?

How does that add to what you learned about prayer this week?

How will your study of prayer this week impact your prayer life going forward? How can you encourage others with what you've learned?

Thank God today for the gift of prayer. Thank Him for Jesus' example in prayer. Ask God to use your prayer life to both grow you and encourage others.



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Colossians 4:2