

# Prayer

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In our meeting this month we consider the topic of Prayer; what it is, why and how we should pray, what we should pray for and what to expect.

## SCRIPTURE VERSES

### [Luke 18:1-14](#)

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

<sup>2</sup> Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

<sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

<sup>4</sup> And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

<sup>5</sup> Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

<sup>7</sup> And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

<sup>8</sup> I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

<sup>9</sup> And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

<sup>10</sup> Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

<sup>12</sup> I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

<sup>13</sup> And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

[Luke 11:2-4](#) , [Matthew 6:9-15](#) The Lord's Prayer

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## DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

- What is Prayer ?
- Why should we Pray ?
- When should we Pray ?
  - Pray without ceasing [1 Thess 5:17](#)
- How should we Pray ?
  - The Lord's Prayer (pattern) [Luke 11:2-4](#)
  - Alone [Matthew 6:6](#)
  - Two or three [Matthew 18:19-20](#)
  - When ye Pray [Matthew 6:7-8](#)
  - With supplication and thanksgiving [Phillipians 4:6](#)
  - Believing, not wavering [James 1:6-7](#)
- What should we Pray for ? some examples
  - For our enemies [Matthew 5:44-45](#)
  - For the ministry [Matthew 9:37-38](#)
  - That we don't fall into temptation [Matthew 26:41](#)
  - To be worthy of our high calling [2 Thessalonians 1:11-12](#)
  - For the sick [James 5:13-16](#)
- What is the effect of Prayer ?
  - According to His will [1 John 5:14](#), How do we know God's will?
  - Fervent effectual prayer availeth much ? [James 5:16](#)
  - Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that I will do [John 14:13-14](#)
- Help in prayer [Romans 8:26](#)
- What does it mean to Pray in Jesus' name ?
- Summary