

What if?



Lesson 1: What if the church was addicted to prayer?

What if we were addicted to prayer?

Prayer allows God to intervene in the affairs of men

Prayer is not a fruitless exercise that God gave us to perform to determine whether or not we're faithful! Prayer is the vehicle that releases God to move in the earth!

James 5:16 ... The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man **makes tremendous power available** [dynamic in its working]. *Amplified Bible*

James 5:17 Elijah was a man **just like us**. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and **it did not rain** on the land for three and a half years. *New International Version*

James 5:18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. *New International Version*

Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven. *Amplified Translation*

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and **it will be given** to you; seek and you will find; knock and **the door will be opened** to you. 8 For everyone who asks **receives**; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, **the door will be opened**. *New International Version*

James 4:2 ... You do not have, **because you do not ask God**. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with **wrong motives**, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. *New International Version*

Matthew 6:9 "This, then, is **how you should pray**: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, **10 your kingdom come, your will** be done on earth as it is in heaven. **11 Give**

us today our daily bread. *New International Version*

"God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it." *John Wesley*

Luke 5:16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. *New International Version*

Luke 6:12 One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. *New Living Translation-SE*

1Timothy 2:1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. *New Living Translation-SE*

1Timothy 2:2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. *New Living Translation-SE*

Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." *New International Version*

Matthew 9:37 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." *New Living Translation-SE*

Colossians 4:3 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. *New International Version*

Colossians 4:3 Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. *New Living Translation-SE*

2 Corinthians 2:12 Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, *New International Version*

Acts 16:14 One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. *New International Version*

Colossians 4:12 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. *New International Version*

John 14:13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. *14* You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. *New International Version*

John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. *New International Version*