

SERMON NOTES



Rooted in God's Grace Week 4: "Prayer"

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*"For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river,
And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit." -Jeremiah 17:8*

PRAYER ASSESSMENT:

Never - 1 Seldom - 2 Occasionally - 3 Frequent - 4 Always – 5

- ___ 1. My prayers focus on discovering God's will more than expressing my needs.
- ___ 2. I trust God to answer when I pray and wait patiently on Him.
- ___ 3. My prayers include thanksgiving, praise, confession, and requests.
- ___ 4. I expect to grow in my prayer life and intentionally seek help to improve.
- ___ 5. I spend as much time listening to God as talking to Him.
- ___ 6. I pray because I am aware of my complete dependence on God for everything in my life.
- ___ 7. Regular participation in group prayer characterizes my prayer life.
- ___ 8. I maintain an attitude of prayer throughout each day.
- ___ 9. I believe my prayers impact my life and the lives of others.
- ___ 10. I engage in a daily prayer time.

1. Pray _____ & _____ .

- *Our Father who art in heaven. What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*

- *James 1:6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.*
- *Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. 11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. 12 So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."*

2. Pray _____ & _____.

- *Luke 11:8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.*
- *Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

How does prayer grow my spiritual roots?

- Expresses my _____ in my heavenly Father
- Expresses my _____ for other people.

Challenge: Grow Your Spiritual Roots!

- One _____ Passage a day
- One _____ Building activity a week
- One regular _____ opportunity at church!
- _____ continually!

Prayer Model:

A – Adoration (*praising God for who he is and what he's done*)

C – Confession (*Confessing our sins to God*)

T – Thanksgiving (*Express appreciation for all God gives and does*)

S – Supplication (*asking for self and others*)

MY PERSONAL NOTES

Everyone Outreach Witness Idea: Next time you interact with a friend or family member ask them, "Is there something I can pray about for you?" Then pray with them and for them!

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And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 1:17-19

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: