

The Call To Pray

There are many different callings that the members of the body of Christ have on their lives. The five offices in the Church are the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher. These offices are held by only a small number of people, because they are leadership callings. The rest of the Church are to follow these people, as they follow Christ.

So many times, the followers in the body of Christ feel less than the leaders; because they feel like they are not called. This is a lie. Every person that receives Jesus is a member of the body of Christ. They are called to fulfill a major role to bring God's Kingdom into the earth. The foremost calling of any Christian is to pray. If a person is called to pastor, that is their second calling; the first is prayer. If you're a Sunday School teacher, that is your second calling; your first is prayer. If we don't accept the call to prayer, we won't be worth much in our other callings.

Maybe some of you haven't accepted the call to prayer. I ask you, right now, to stop and do it. Now I'm going to give you many Scripture verses on the subject of prayer. Read and study them till faith rises in your heart on the subject of prayer. If you have neglected your call to prayer, repent. God loves you, and He is waiting on you to renew your first love - to pray.

Remember, this is a New Year; and you can start fresh. We will have many people come to Early Morning Prayer. Come & invite someone to join you. I believe 2018 will be the greatest year that the Church has ever experienced. We will be meeting under the balcony on the east side of the sanctuary; you can park under the flag. It [starts at 6:15 am](#). If you can't come, please pray wherever you are.

Scripture verses to study on prayer...

Matthew 6:9-13 KJV After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. [10] Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. [11] Give us this day our daily bread. [12] And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 9:37-38 KJV Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; [38] Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

Matthew [17:19-21](#) KJV Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

[20] And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.[21] Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Matthew 26:40-41 KJV And He cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and

saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?[41] Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Acts [1:14](#) KJV These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren.

[2:42](#) KJV And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

3:1 KJV Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour .

We need to have an hour of prayer.

Acts 9:37-41 KJV And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. [38] And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. [39] Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. [40] But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. [41] And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

Acts 13:2-3 KJV As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. [3] And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

1 Corinthians [14:14-15](#) KJV For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. [15] What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Philippians 4:6-7 KJV Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. [7] And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 1:2 KJV We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

1 Timothy 2:1-5 KJV I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; [2] For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; [4] Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. [5] For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Love you,
Pastor Paul