

Come Together To Pray

What Pushes Us To Pray?

- Trouble!

- *“This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.”* (Psalm 34:6, ESV)
- *“In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.”* (Psalm 77:2, ESV)
- *“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”* (Romans 12:12, ESV)

Praying In Times of Trouble

- *“But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!””* (Acts 3:6, ESV)
- *“And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?”* (Acts 3:12, ESV)
- The Irritation of the Gospel
 - *“And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.”* (Acts 4:1–2, ESV)

- **The Faithfulness of Friends**

- *“When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them.” (Acts 4:23, ESV)*

Praying As Action

- **Start With God**

- *“And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,” (Acts 4:24, ESV)*

- **Remember God’s Word**

- *“who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “ ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’—” (Acts 4:25–26, ESV)*

- **Embrace God’s Plan**

- *“for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.” (Acts 4:27–28, ESV)*

- **Keep God’s Mission At The Center**

- *“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the*

name of your holy servant Jesus.”” (Acts 4:29–30, ESV)

- **Do Everything In The Spirit’s Power and Leading**
 - *“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:31, ESV)*
- **Live It Out**

Each day this week ***pray for someone*** and reach out to them to let them know you did. ***Pray with someone*** 4 times this week.