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**PRAYER
MINISTRY**

**The Outreach Team needs your
help on October 12th at 9 am**

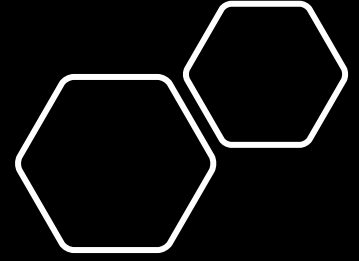
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Pray for the
Women's Weekend
That wraps up today



The Importance and



The Power of Prayer

**Prayer: From the
Beginning of Jesus'
ministry to His
Heavenly Throne**

Prayer Strategy Review

Be persistent in your prayers

Always have an attitude of prayer

Remember that when it comes to spiritual warfare, prayer is among your greatest offensive and defensive weapons

Recognizing the powerful outline of the Model Prayer

Luke 3:21-22 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Luke 6:12-13 (ESV) ¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named

apostles:

From the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, He is dedicated to prayer. God clearly honors Him as He lives out the only, perfect life.

Jesus prayed all night to receive clear direction from the Holy Spirit to choose the 12 apostles who would begin the evangelistic process to turn a fallen world toward Christ.

Are your decisions bathed in steadfast prayer?

Luke 9:18 (NLT2) One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

Luke 9:28-29 (NIV₂₀₁₁) ²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

It's very possible that Jesus had been praying that the disciples would recognize His true identity. It is at that point that Peter receives this revelation from the Father at Caesarea Philippi near the 'Gates of Hades'.

As Jesus prays, He's transfigured and Moses and Elijah appear with Him to discuss His 'exodus'. Jesus came to fulfil the law and the prophets as He purchased, for us, the 'exodus' from sin.

Do your prayers include regular thanks for God's grace?

John 17:20-21 (NIV₂₀₁₁) ²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Mark 14:32-33 (NKJV) ³² Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.

*Jesus
prayed for
us during
his ministry!*

*Despair threatened to weaken Jesus.
He knew going to the Father in prayer
was needed to give Him strength and
resolve as He gave everything for us.*

*We are so much
stronger when we
are united as the
Body of Christ.*

When despair hits you, do you cry out in prayer?

Luke 23:46 (NASB₁₉₉₅) And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.

Hebrews 7:24-25 (HCSB) ²⁴ But because He remains forever, He holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵ Therefore, He is always able to save those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to intercede for them.

Romans 8:33-34 (ESV) ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Do you thank Jesus, in prayer, for His constant intercession?