PRAYER

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Topic:
PRAYER
Bible Text: Acts 12:1–2, 5–7

Prayer
We take this evening, Lord Jesus Christ, and welcome You to teach us through Your servant. Lord, open our spiritual ears and understanding so that we may put Your Word into action, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bible Text: Acts 12:1–2, 5–7
[1] About this time King Herod began to persecute some members of the church. **[2]** He had James, the brother of John, put to death by the sword.
[5] So Peter was kept in jail, but the people of the church were praying earnestly to God for him. **[6]** The night before Herod was going to bring him out to the people, Peter was sleeping between two guards. He was tied with two chains, and there were guards on duty at the prison gate. **[7]** Suddenly an angel of the Lord stood there, and a light shone in the cell. The angel shook Peter by the shoulder, woke him up, and said, "Hurry! Get up!" At once the chains fell off Peter's hands.

In the days of persecution by King Herod (the grandson of Herod who murdered the babies of Bethlehem), we see Peter imprisoned, but the church prayed without ceasing unto God for him.NThis inspiring story of Peter teaches us the power of consistent prayer. The result of that prayer is seen in **verse 7** — the chains fell off Peter's hands. The church was praying for him. Prayer represents the greatest weapon available to the church. Too often, we look to leaders for help and prayer, but the early church was active in prayer — consistent and diligent in heart.

Levels of Prayer:
. Congregational / Church prayer
. Organizational / Institutional prayer
. Social prayer
. Personal prayer

We can pray anywhere — while walking or traveling — for God knows our hearts and the intentions behind our prayers. Just as we train children to speak, eat, play, and live, so should we also learn how to pray. If any believer says, "I don't know how to pray," the answer is simple — we must learn.NExample of Jesus Christ:

Let us look at the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Luke 6:12 (KJV)**
"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."
Jesus prayed all night, and according to verse 13, His prayer was specifically for choosing the twelve disciples.Scholars say that "**all night**" means about twelve hours — implying the Lord spent an hour praying for each disciple. What a peculiar and powerful lifestyle! We can learn to spend more time in prayer by imitating this attribute of Christ. Concentration is very important while praying. Distractions — such as noise, phones, or wandering thoughts — must be avoided.

Remember:
CONVICTION is above CONVENIENCE. Don't rely on convenience when it comes to kneeling in prayer. Prayer holds great significance throughout the Bible — from Genesis to Revelation. **Ephesians 6:18** "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

This means unceasing prayer — pleading until an answer comes. Sometimes, God's answers may be delayed, and sometimes the answer may even be No. Still, we must continue to pray without ceasing.

Points to Note:

. Pray as the church prayed for Peter.
. Pray as though the next moment belongs to you.
. Pray because you are always in spiritual warfare.
. Pray like Jesus, and you will become more like Jesus.

Store up prayers, and you will see the wondrous works of the Lord. Pray with firm belief that you will receive according to God's will. Let us speak with the Ultimate Source — the Lion of Judah. May the Lord of hosts help us and strengthen us to prioritize Him and glorify His mighty name through our words and actions, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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