

Family Night

TALKING TO GOD

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Prayer in the life of...

Paul

Paul Instructs Us to Pray

- **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, 24**
- **Colossians 4:2**
- **Ephesians 6:18**
- **1 Timothy 2:1, 8**

Paul Believes Prayer Works

- **Philippians 1:19**
- **Philemon 22**
- **2 Corinthians 1:10-11**

“To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees.”

—Billy Graham

Paul Prays For Others All the Time

- **Romans 1:8-10**
- **Colossians 1:9-12**
- **1 Corinthians 1:4**
- **1 Thessalonians 1:2**
- **Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-19**
- **2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**
- **Philippians 1:9-10**
- **2 Timothy 1:3**

Paul Prays For Others To Hear the Gospel

- **Colossians 4:2-4**
- **Ephesians 6:19-20**
- **1 Thessalonians 3:10**
- **2 Thessalonians 3:1-2**

Paul Prays in His Suffering

- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

“Prayers are tools that God uses to work his will in our bodies and souls. Prayers are tools that we use to collaborate in his work with us.”¹

—Eugene Peterson

“Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays.”

—Søren Kierkegaard

Practical Takeaways

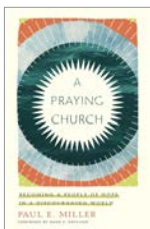
Consistently **pray for others**. Pray as soon as you hear about a concern or need.

Prayer Accountability Chart *(Next page)*

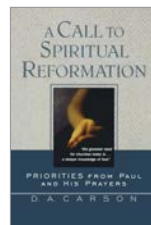
Update this frequently. Start with only a few prayer items, but treat prayer like a muscle—add more items over time to strengthen it. You can add friends who don't know Christ, and ask for some prayer requests from others.

Maybe it's just a sticky note, a reminder on your phone, something you combine with something else you already do (eat, shower, drive, walk...).

Book Recommendation



A Praying Church: Becoming a People of Hope in a Discouraging World
by Paul Miller and
Dane C. Ortlund, 2023



A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers
by D. A. Carson, 1992

Footnotes

1. ***Answering God: Learning to Pray from the Psalms*** by Eugene Peterson, 1996

Prayer Accountability Chart

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Verse or Psalm							
Area of Personal Growth							
Family							
Friends							
Ministry or Church							
Events							
Other							

Prayer Accountability Partner: _____