

PRAY, LIVE, SPEAK

Colossians 4:2-6 P1
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Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving; ³ praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; ⁴ that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. ⁵ Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. ⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

1. _____ v2-4

• Pray _____

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Matthew 6:5 When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites...

Matthew 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your inner room...

Matthew 6:7 And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition...

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing. As it is the business of tailors to make clothes and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray. **Martin Luther**

Next to the wonder of seeing my Savior will be, I think, the wonder that I made so little use of the power of prayer. **Moody**

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Devote yourselves to **prayer**, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving;

Psalms 50:10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine.

Psalms 5:2 Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, for to You I pray.

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Job 27:8-10 For what is the hope of the godless when he is cut off, when God requires his life? ⁹ "Will God hear his cry when distress comes upon him? ¹⁰ "Will he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call on God at all times?

Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing. And prayer is the turning away from ourselves to God in the confidence that He will provide the help we need. Prayer humbles us as needy and exalts God as wealthy. **-John Piper**

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Psalms 55:16-17 As for me, I shall call upon God, and the Lord will save me. ¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, and He will hear my voice.

Luke 18:1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart.

Acts 1:14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with *the* women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing.

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Ephesians 6:18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints

Matthew 26:41 Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

The praying Christian, as the soldier, fights a life and death struggle...Every power is quickened and strained to its very utmost. Littleness, half-heartedness, weakness, and laziness are all absent. **-EM Bounds**

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Psalm 30:12 That *my* soul may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever. **1**

Thessalonians 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Thanksgiving is the only element of prayer that will continue forever. **-John MacArthur**

• Pray _____ v3-4

○ For an _____ v3

2 Timothy 2:8-9 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned.

○ For a _____ v4

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

2 Corinthians 3:12 Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in *our* speech.

2. _____ v5