

# Continuing Steadfastly in Prayers

Acts 2:42

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The word enthusiasm comes from the Greek language and would be literally translated “g\_\_\_ in”. Thus, the person so possessed would act under that direction and power with “enthusiasm”. These in Acts 2 were possessed, inhabited and directed by the t\_\_\_ and l\_\_\_\_\_ God. (Act.2:38-39).

Before Christ came there was a thick veil between them and God in prayer. The Law continually reminded them of their s\_\_\_ and condemned them in their consciences. Now they had a new b\_\_\_\_\_ and l\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s presence in prayer through C\_\_\_\_\_. (Heb.10:1-22; 2Co.3:15-18; Rom.8:15-16)

You don’t have a p\_\_\_\_\_ outside of having Christ as your mediator! (Joh.14:6)

There is a Savior for sinners like you. Even n\_\_\_, from your heart, look to God, trusting in His Son and what He accomplished for s\_\_\_\_\_ like you on the cross. (1Ti.1:15; Joh.3:16)

There had just been about 3,000 sinners saved and a \_\_\_\_\_ to this church. They now continued in prayers t\_\_\_\_\_. It will be so with all h\_\_\_\_\_ churches. (Act.2:42)

## I. The Necessity of Corporate (church) Prayer

a) Prayer is the church body’s natural response to her Head (Jesus Christ). It is like b\_\_\_\_\_. (1Jo.4:19; 1Th.5:17)

b) Corporate prayer keeps us reminded of and u\_\_\_\_\_ in our common purpose in life. (Mat.22:38-40; 1Co.10:31-33)

c) Corporate prayer helps the church to stay clean as we hear the Word and confess our f\_\_\_\_\_ together. (Act.2:42; Eph.5:25; Jam.5:16)

## II. The Power of Corporate Prayer

The Lord has chosen to bless this that He has ordained in a s\_\_\_\_\_ way. (Mat.18:19-20; Act.4:31-32; 12:4-12)

## III. The Testimony of Corporate Prayer

As we pray together rightly we:

- a) show s\_\_\_\_\_ to our Lord and His goals; (Mat.6:9-10)
- b) acknowledge before the world that all good comes from His hand; (Rom.1:21; Eph.5:20; Mat.6:13)
- c) display the love we have for one another (Gal.6:2; Joh.13:34-35; 1Co.12:25-27; Act.2:44-47)

## IV. The Content of Corporate Prayer

- a) P\_\_\_\_\_ to our glorious God; (Mat.6:9; Psa.8:1)
- b) T\_\_\_\_\_ for His blessings; (Mat.6:13; Psa.100:4-5)
- c) P\_\_\_\_\_ for our needs; (Mat.6:11,13)
- d) C\_\_\_\_\_ of our sins; (Mat.6:12; 1Jo.1:7-9; Jam.5:16)
- e) I\_\_\_\_\_ for others (Rom.10:1; 1Th.5:)

## V. The Needed Attitude Toward Corporate Prayer

“And they continued s\_\_\_\_\_ in ... prayers. (Act.2:42)

We need to be earnest, diligent and p\_\_\_\_\_ about praying together. Are you?

To continue in prayers together we must p\_\_\_\_\_ to do so.