

Jude 20
Pray in the Spirit

A vital practice ...

I. The Why of Prayer

- A. Utter Dependence
- B. Intimate Expression

II. The Wonder of Prayer

- A. God Hears
- B. Helps
- C. And Answers

III. The Ways of Prayer

- A. Posture
- B. Parts
 - 1. Praise
 - 2. Thanksgiving
 - 3. Confession
 - 4. Intercession
 - 5. Petition
- C. Private
- D. Public

IV. The Work of Prayer

- A. Difficulty
- B. Duty
- C. Diligence

V. The Worth of Prayer

- A. Nearness of God
- B. Great Power

... for a living church.

Children, Listen ...

1. If someone asked you, what would you say prayer is?
2. Was prayer an important part of Jesus' life? How do you know that?
3. What kind of things do you pray about?
4. Jesus teaches the disciples to pray in what we call the Lord's Prayer. Do you know that prayer by heart?
5. It is important to pray alone, but is it also important to pray with others?

Uttering Utter Dependence

Whether deeply private, within the bound of family or open and public, true prayer is always an expression of utter dependence. Even the traditional "parts" of prayer reflect the fact that the prayer is addressing the one, infinite, sovereign, almighty God upon Whom all creation and providence depends. Faithful and regular prayer is vital to our personal walk with the Lord, essential to a healthy household under Christ, crucial to the life of the church and instrumental in the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the world. We must never under estimate the importance or the power of prayer. May God continue to give us the grace to be a praying church seeking the face of the Lord as individuals and as a congregation.