

Why are Church Prayer Meetings Important? Part 3
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Review

1. The early church devoted themselves to the means of grace (Acts 2:42)
2. Reformation and Revival, in church history, has almost always been preceded by the corporate prayer of God's people.
3. The Lord has given us Sunday, the market Day of the Soul for the primary purpose of making diligent use of the means of grace, especially prayer.
4. "We shall never see much change in our churches in general until the prayer meeting occupies a much higher place in the esteem of Christians." –Charles Spurgeon
5. The Native Instinct of Man is to Cry out to his Creator for help (Gen 4:26)
6. God Delights to Answer Petitions by multiple signatures (Matt 18:19)
7. God Commands us to Pray as a People (1 Tim 2)

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I. **Because God does life-changing, kingdom strengthening and kingdom expanding feats in response to the corporate prayers of the saints**

- A. The Spirit is Poured Out Upon the Church and 3,000 Souls are Saved in Response to Prayer (Acts 1:12–14; Cf. 2:1–4)
- B. The Church is Granted Boldness to Continue Preaching the Gospel in the Midst of Satanic Persecution in Response to Prayer (Acts 4:23–24, 31)
- C. Peter is Freed from Prison in Response to Prayer (Acts 12:7)
- D. Missionaries are Chosen and Sent out in Response to Prayer (Acts 13:1–3; Cf. Eph 3:20)
- E. The First Church in Europe was Born in Response to a Women's Prayer Meeting (Acts 16:13–15)
- F. One of the greatest things God is pleased to do in response to prayer is foster unity among His saints
 1. The church that prays together, stays together