

The Bible also teaches the importance of praying together with other believers. Throughout the book of Acts, the church regularly gathered together in prayer before God moved in powerful ways.

Prayer unites believers, strengthens the church, encourages faith, and reminds us that we are seeking the Lord together rather than trying to live the Christian life alone.

At Calvary Chapel Solid Rock, we encourage both personal prayer and corporate prayer as important parts of a healthy walk with the Lord. Whether praying privately at home, with family, with friends, or together as a church body, prayer remains one of the primary ways we grow in relationship with God and dependence upon Him.

Prayer is never a waste of time. In many ways, it is one of the greatest investments of time a believer can make because prayer keeps our hearts connected to the Lord who alone can truly change us and guide our lives.

The Bible says:

**“DRAW NEAR TO GOD
AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU.”
– JAMES 4:8 NKJV**

If you would like prayer, have questions about prayer, or would like someone to pray with you, we would love to speak with you.

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PRAYER

Prayer is one of the greatest privileges and most important parts of the Christian life. Through prayer, we speak with the God who created us, loves us, hears us, and desires a relationship with us.

Prayer is not a religious exercise, a ritual, or a performance. It is simply talking honestly with God.

Throughout Scripture, prayer is connected to worship, dependence, surrender, confession, thanksgiving, guidance, spiritual growth, and the work God desires to do in and through His people. The Bible says:

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

At Calvary Chapel Solid Rock, we believe prayer is far more than bringing God a list of requests or trying to persuade Him to do what we want. Prayer is first about connecting with God, listening to Him, drawing near to Him, and learning to align our hearts with His will.

In many ways, prayer changes us before it changes circumstances.

As we spend time with the Lord, He often begins shaping our thoughts, correcting our perspective, strengthening our faith, calming our fears, exposing sin, and teaching us to trust Him more.

Prayer is also not about sounding spiritual or impressing people with religious language. You do not have to change your personality, use special words, or speak in old-fashioned religious expressions to pray sincerely. God is not looking for performance. He desires honesty, humility, faith, and relationship.

Jesus Himself warned against prayer that becomes focused on outward appearance rather than genuine connection with God.

Prayer also gives us a place to bring our struggles honestly before the Lord. Throughout Scripture, God’s people prayed through fear, grief, weakness, confusion, temptation, disappointment, and uncertainty. Prayer reminds us that we do not have to carry life alone.

At the same time, prayer is not always easy or natural at first. Often, when we begin praying, our minds immediately focus on

the pressures, responsibilities, and distractions that sit closest to the surface. But as we continue to pray, it often begins moving deeper into the things truly happening within our hearts.

Like any relationship, prayer deepens over time through consistency and sincerity.

Martin Luther is often quoted as saying:

**“I have so much to do that I shall spend
the first three hours in prayer.”**

While most people tend to pray less when life becomes busy, Scripture often shows the opposite pattern. The greater the need, pressure, responsibility, or spiritual battle, the more we need time spent with the Lord. Prayer is not time wasted away from life’s responsibilities, but one of the ways God prepares and strengthens us to walk through them faithfully.

