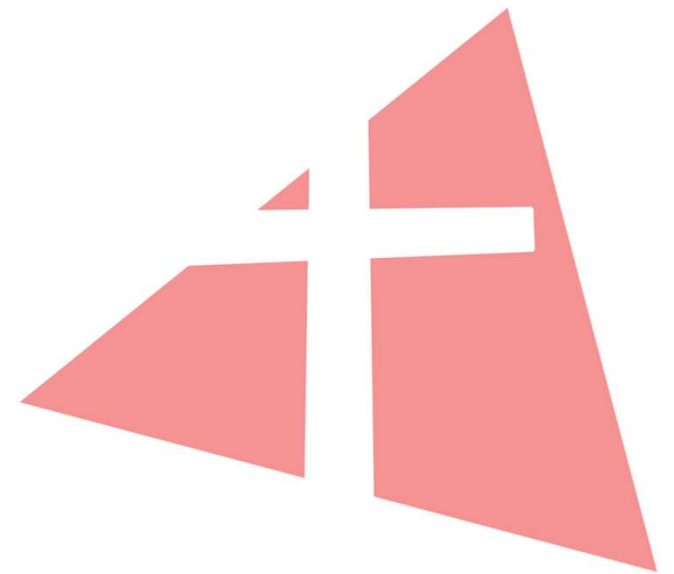


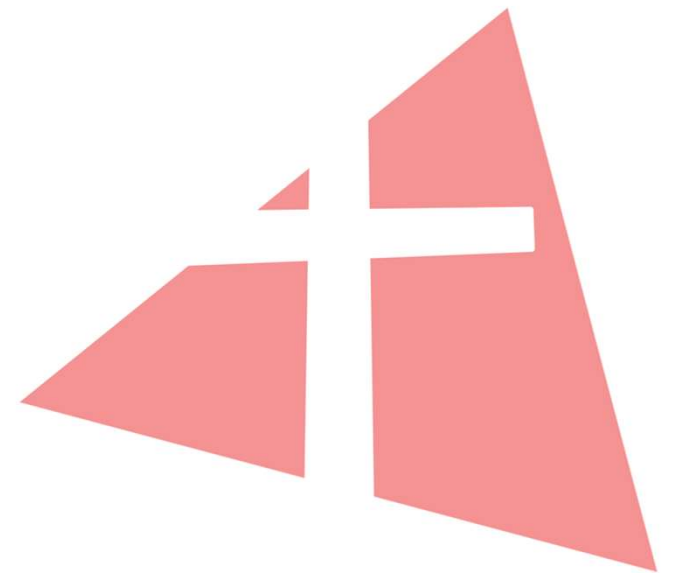
Community: Prayer

October 27th 2024



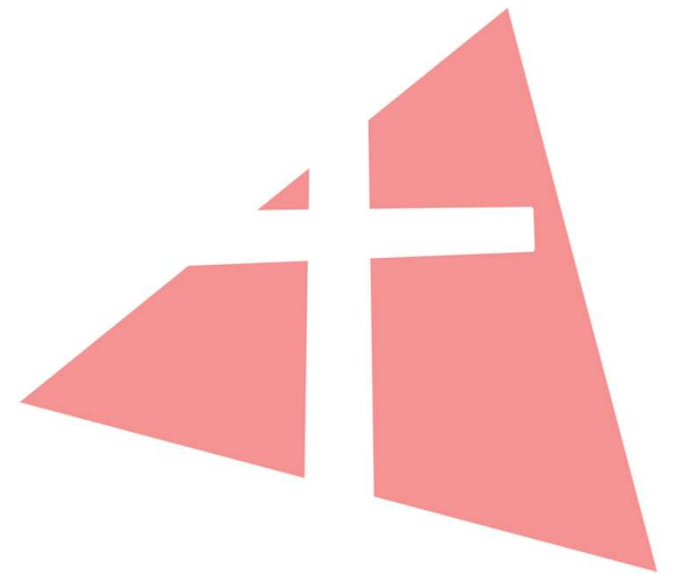
Our Series

- **Unity**
- **Use Your Talents**



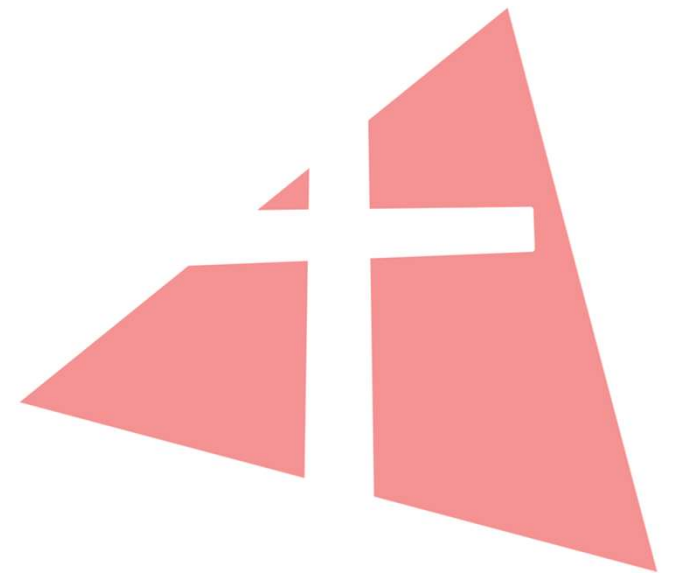
Today's Focus

○ Prayer



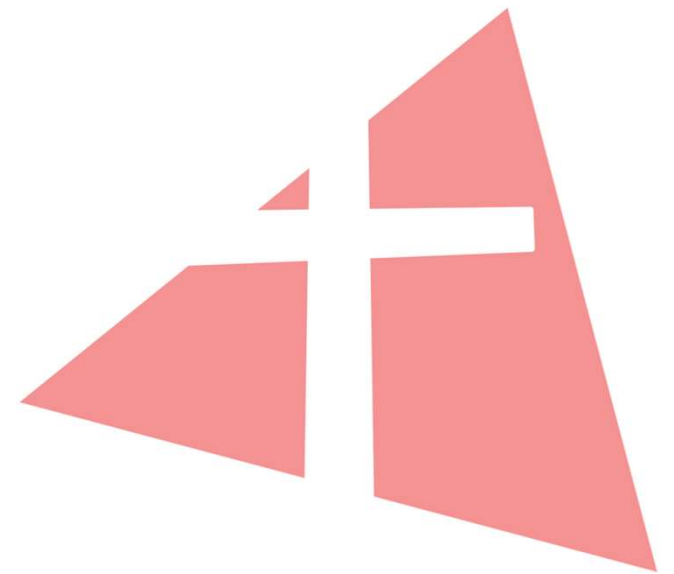
The Basics of Prayer

- **We pray when reality doesn't match with "what we want"**
- **Our goal: Reality matches with "what we want"**
- **Most people want reality to align to their own wishes**



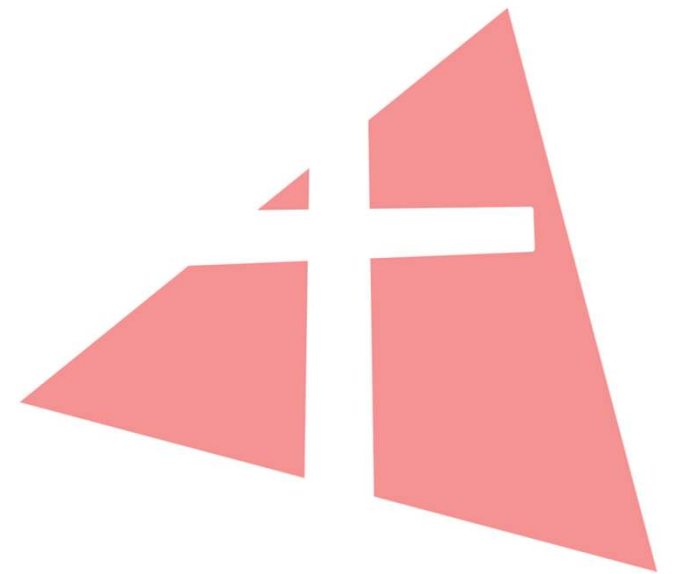
Biblical Prayer

- **Biblical Prayer is about us aligning ourselves with God's will**



One Definition of Prayer

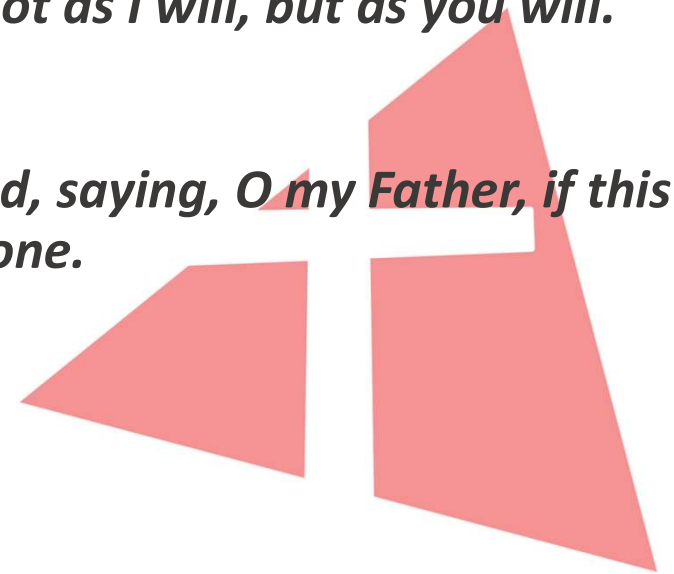
Prayer is telling God what He tells us to tell Him



The Bible

Matthew 26:39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as you will.

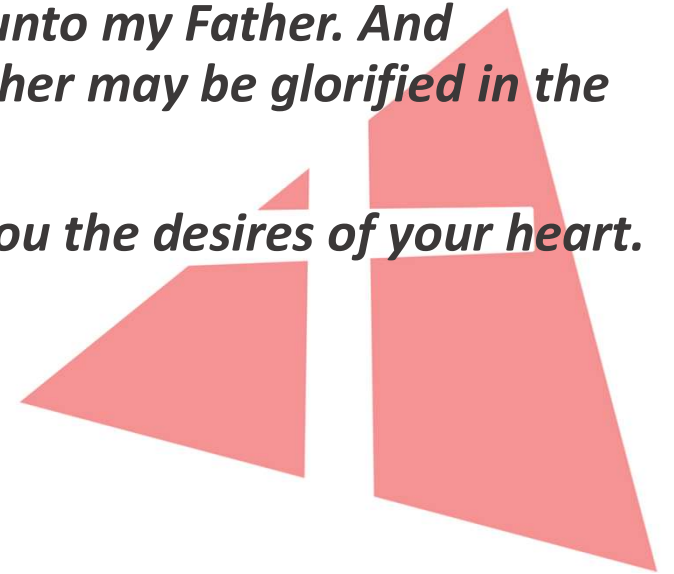
Matthew 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, your will be done.



The Bible

John 14:12-13 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself also in the LORD; and he shall give you the desires of your heart.



The Bible

- Prayer is for God's Glory

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.

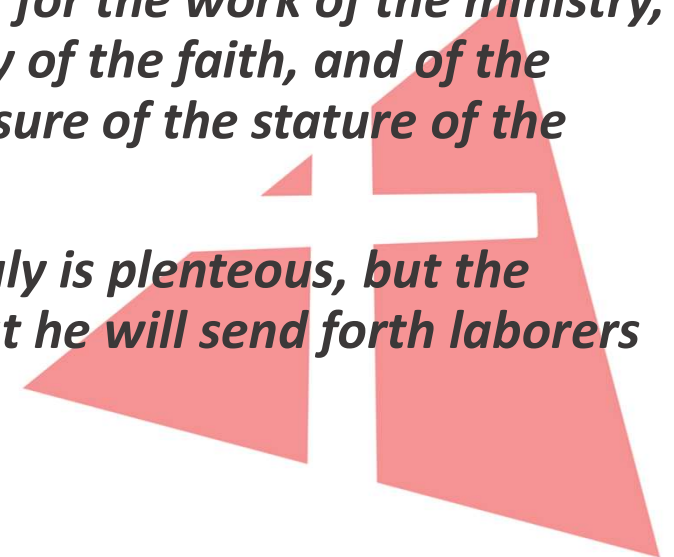


Prayer in the Church

- Praying for the global church

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Matthew 9:37-38 Then said he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

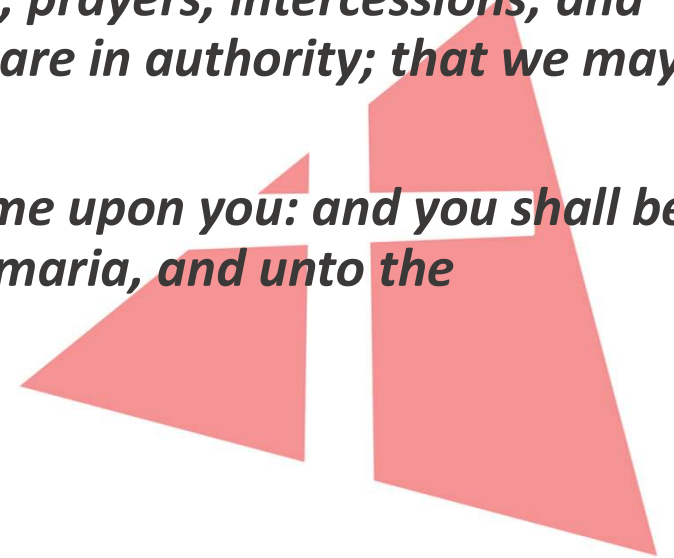


Prayer in the Church

- Praying for the local church we are part of

1 Timothy 2:1-2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.



Prayer in the Church

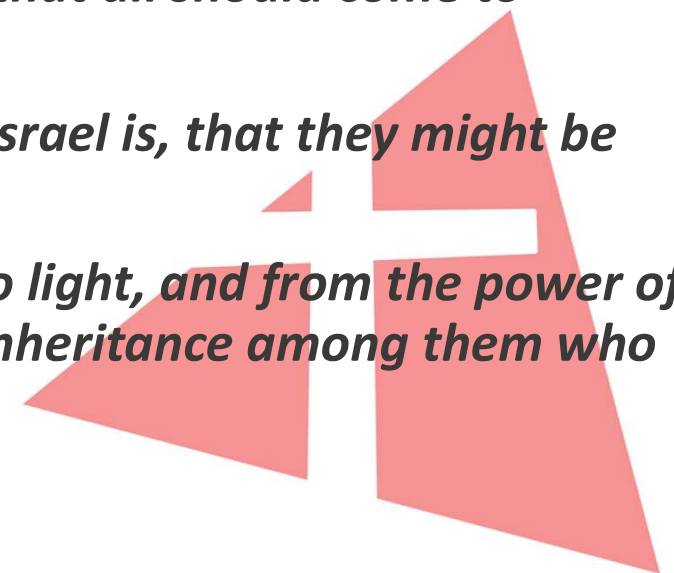
- Praying for the lost to find our community

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them who are sanctified by faith that is in me.

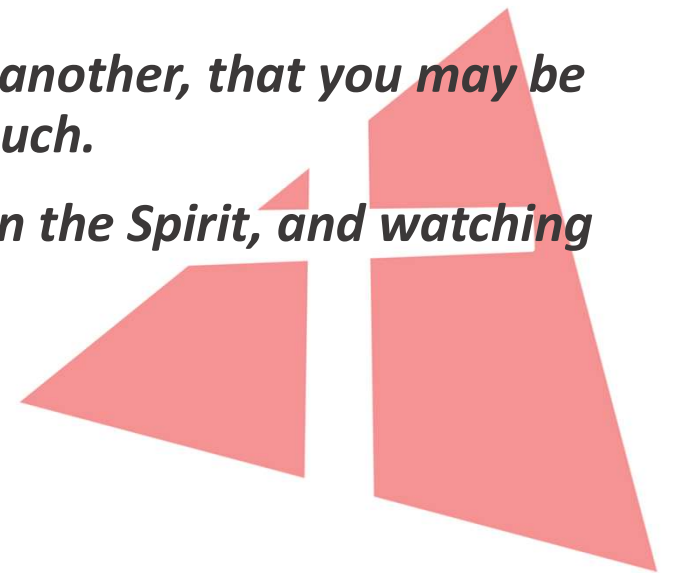


Prayer in the Church

- **Praying for specific people within our community**

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thus with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;



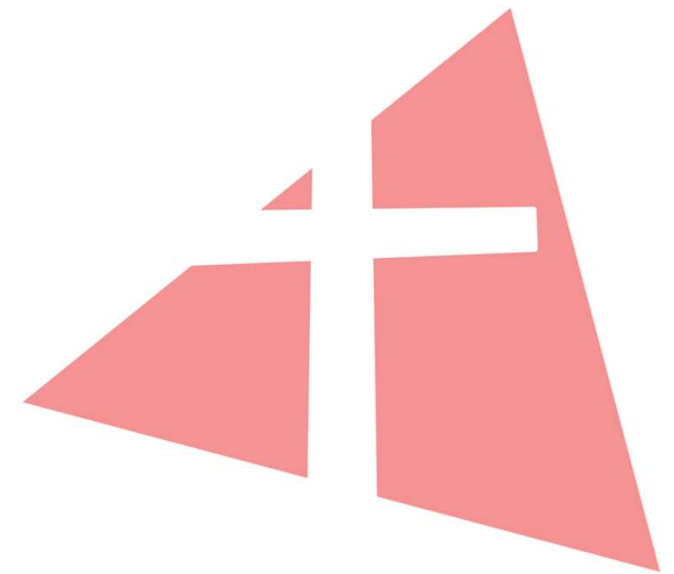
Our Challenge

- **We want everyone to participate in a 2-week-challenge**
 - Everybody draws a name (same gender)
 - Pray for that person for at least 5min each day for the coming 14 days



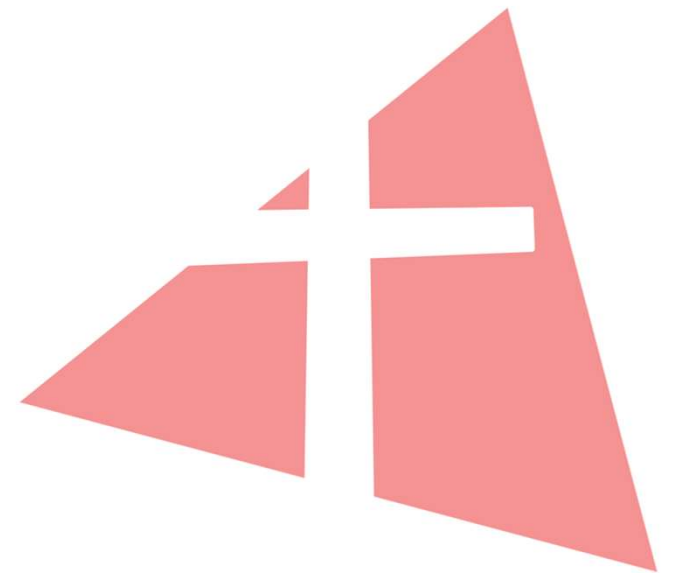
How to Pray for Others

- **Ask God how to pray for this person**
- **Ask the person how you can pray**
 - But “praying God’s will” is more important



Prayer Testimony

- **We've done this challenge before**



In Conclusion

- **Praying for the church is a responsibility we all have**
- **Let's make a commitment to grow in this area of our walk with God**

