

Joining God Through Prayer

Throughout Bible times, God made His work in the world also the work of His people. We see examples in the Bible of His use of intercessory prayers to bring about His purposes – Moses, David, Hezekiah, Esther, Nehemiah and Paul, etc. God’s call to be an intercessor is, biblically, one of the greatest calls God gives.

The most convincing proof of the power of unity in prayer is found in Acts 1:14: “These all (the eleven apostles) with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” The result of their unified prayers was the greatest miracle in the Book of Acts – Pentecost! The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on these 1st Century believers came when a small group of believers united in prayer in the upper room in Jerusalem. Pray that God will help us recapture that unity and that we may see another Pentecost in these turbulent times!

If you read through Acts we find this pattern of the power of united prayer throughout the Book of Acts. Shortly after Pentecost when Peter and John faced the threats of the Sanhedrin, “the believers raised their voices together in prayer to God... After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind.” (Acts 4:1-36)

These first Century believers were remembering Jesus’ promise, “I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with you.” (Matthew 18:19-20)

God commands every believer today also to pray. God wants to hear from us! The command of our Lord Jesus in the Great Commission is “Go, make disciples of all people in the world!” (Matthew 28:18-20) A disciple is a lifelong learner of Jesus. No growth can occur if we are not in continuous contact with God. Prayer is our spiritual breath along with God’s Word for our spiritual growth as Jesus’ followers. The Holy Spirit is with us to help our continuous, constant prayer. Jesus tells us, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’?” (Mark 11:17)

So brothers and sisters in Christ, “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit’s fire.” (I Thessalonians 5:16-19)

A House of Prayer by John Franklin

I pray that if you are able, we can all join together as Jesus’ followers in worship and prayer in our Pentecost Sunday worship service at Mission Lutheran on Sunday, June 4th.

Serving our Lord Jesus and praying with you,

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