

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

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EPH. 6:18 RSV

- Pray at all times in the spirit, with all prayer and supplications. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all saints.
- Being a Christian doesn't exempt us from facing life's challenges, individually or collectively as a church.
- Knowing this, it's important to stay connected to God by prayer.
- **ACTS 12:1-12** The early church was challenged. Hypocrisy and lying; racial tension between Jews and Gentiles; Saul was a hitman, Stephen was murdered; Peter was facing death by Herod in order to please some influential Jews. The church prayed, God showed up.
- **ACTS 16:25-26** It's not that God showed up, it's the fact that they stayed connected to God through prayer and praise, even in a life-threatening situation.

About Prayer

- 1.) Prayer is joining forces with God to accomplish His purposes.
- 2.) Jesus prayed all night sometimes.
- 3.) Prayer is a way to humble ourselves before God.
- 4.) Prayer keeps us sensitive to the spirit.
- 5.) Prayer is necessary to keep the flesh under control.