

Prayer is Essential
The Book of Colossians – EPISODE 10 (Colossians 4:2-6)

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Prayer is essential and requires being alert with steadfast devotion.

Prayer is an essential practice.

Two patterns I practice:

1) Lord's Prayer

2) Abiding Prayer

Prayer is essential to bringing faith to life.

We will not act wisely without being people who abide in a life of communing prayer with Father, Son, & Spirit. Hearing God's whisper, leads to discerning how to live among outsiders.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who is in heaven, Holy is Your name.

May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Amen.

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PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Bible Recap reading plan with a friend.

Recite this prayer daily:

Father, You desire for us to be known by You. We can bring our requests to You in prayer.

Jesus, teach us to pray like You. Show us how to be in right relationship with The Father.

Holy Spirit may we hear when You whisper and follow as You guide us. We long to be radiant and reflect the life of faith to outsiders so they can come to God too.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or your Group)

- Read Colossians 4:2-6. What do you notice in this passage?
- Sunday's message was about prayer being essential. Did anything stand out to you or raise a question?
- What does it mean to be devoted and steadfast?
- Why do you think God wants us to come to Him with our requests?
- Read Luke 11:9-13. What do you notice about this passage related to prayer?
- What are some helpful tools, resources, or patterns of prayer that have helped you pray?
- Say the following prayer slowly as a group: *Father, You desire for us to be known by You. We can bring our requests to You in prayer.*

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