

“Our best defense and offense as a church is an active earnest believing prayer force.” (John Piper)

SEEK GOD FIRST

- Jesus's obedience to Christ came through talking with God the Father.
- The obedience to Christ for us must involve prayer as well as study, service and fellowship.
- Prayer should be a priority in worship services and individual lives.
- Our deficiencies in prayer can not be compensated by increased Bible study, service, or fellowship. Nothing can take that unique place of prayer in the Christian's Life.
- **When we pray, we talk to God. When we study, God talks to us. When pursuing God, we need both.**
- True friendship takes work, and it involves keeping the line of communication going.
- A humble prayer yielding to God with reverence, love and surrender to the Father is the example Jesus gave.

The vision of Central Street Christian Church is to win people to faith in Jesus Christ.

- While speaking to church leaders in Ontario Will Graham said this **“Evangelism will never work in your strength or mine, it doesn't matter what we do, it has to be the power of God. Pray for God's spirit to fill this community.”**
- The church needs to be the prayer team.
- As a church body we can all pray, and we must do it. A strong corporate prayer life leads to individual and corporate blessings.
- **Every Christian no matter how immature has the Spirit of God within them. We are invited to ask, seek, and knock at the Father's door.**

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

WHY PRAY?

1. Jesus Prayed.

2. Jesus prayed in private.

Luke 5:16 “But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

3. Jesus prayed with his disciples.

Luke 11:1 “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus instructions leaned toward praying with others not just praying in private.

ASK SEEK KNOCK

Matthew 7:7

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

“pray continually”

Philippians 4:6

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

When we really want to grow our prayer life, we must grow our inward affection and desire to spend time with God.

Prayer continually reconnects our focus on the one who knows and controls all things. Nothing can take the unique place of prayer in the Christian’s Life. God works through man’s prayers and man’s hands.

PRAYER CHALLENGE

Prayer is a devoted, spiritual sharing(communion) with God.

Matthew 6:9

“THIS THEN IS HOW YOU SHOULD PRAY:

**OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED
BE THY NAME,**

**THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE, ON
EARTH AS IT IN HEAVEN.**

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,

AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.

**AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, DELIVER US
FROM EVIL.**

**FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER, AND
THE GLORY,**

FOREVER AND EVER.

AMEN.”

**“Prayer is not just asking. It is listening for God’s orders.” (Billy
Graham)**

ANYTIME OR ANYPLACE PRAYER TEMPLATE

This is how Jesus tells us to pray.

“Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name.”

Acknowledge God as our Father in heaven with reverence and awe. Holy is your name. Pray to the God who knows us and loves us deeply. Our God, our creator, he gave his son for me. *Recognize His attributes.*

START YOUR PRAYER HERE

Acknowledge God and recognize His attributes

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Praying in God’s will mean that we desire his will to be done freely on earth his desire is for us to do his work. I know Jesus sits at your right hand. May your kingdom be made known in my heart and home, church, and community.

Pray to seek God’s will and understanding

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

Praying for God to provide our daily need not only physically but spiritually. He is the bread of life. Pray for provision for those in need.

Prayer of thanks for God’s provision & to continue to provide

“and forgive us our debts.”

Forgive our sins and know our hearts. He does anyway and wants us to be open and honest with him.

Pray for forgiveness of your own sins (recognizing what Jesus did for you)

“as we also forgive our debtors”

Help me forgive those who have hurt me. Jesus has forgiven me, and I am a Christ follower, so I need to follow his example and pray for the strength to forgive others. Express your forgiveness to those who have sinned against you.

Pray for help to forgive others

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Pray God keep you from situations that cause you to not be in Gods will, and that we would pray for protection from evil and Satan’s snares.

Prayer for guidance and protection

“For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory”

Praise links us to God. All powerful. All mighty God is in charge. He will return in all power and all glory until He returns, we are to glorify Him.

Prayer of recognizing who God is (and pray any other requests you have)

Forever and ever

He will reign forever and ever.

Show your worship to God

Amen

Know with certainty that God hears our prayers.

END YOUR PRAYER HERE

End your prayer with confidence that God will answer

By using the Lord's Prayer as our guide, it keeps us focused by the structure it provides. It guides away from our self-centered prayers and it focuses on praising God, others, and His will for our lives.

In stopping to consider what each line says if we get off track, we have a point to get us back on track. A humble, reverent, love of God and a desire to know Him better can, be nurtured with prayer.

He wants to hear from us so LET’S PRAY.

We, the leadership at Central Street Christian Church, wish to issue a serious challenge to you all, our brothers, and sisters in Christ.

CHALLENGE: PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER DAILY FOR THE NEXT YEAR

In addition, we ask you to pray on each day of the week for a designated theme, as suggested below.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Prayer Suggestions:

Gratitude for Jesus, His Love, The Cross, His Forgiveness, The Empty Tomb, His Blessings, Church Family, Pastor and Family, Church Leadership, Church Volunteers, Unity among us, Missionaries, Governments, Community, Children, Husbands, Wives, Parents, Widows, Marriages, The Family, The Poor, The Needy, The Lonely, The Addicted, The Physically Mentally and Spiritually Ill, Victims of Abuse. The Lost. Praying in God's will always.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

**Romans 12:12 - BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.**

**“PRAYER BINDS THE CHURCH TOGETHER. IT IS THE WAY GOD
HAS CHOSEN TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM”**