

# Prayer in the Church

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## 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

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- ❖ Who should we pray for?
- ❖ Why should we pray?
- ❖ How does prayer work?
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# What does prayer include?

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- ❖ Entreaties/Supplications (1 Timothy 2:1)  
Specific requests for specific needs
- ❖ Prayers (1 Timothy 2:1)  
All kinds of reverent approaches to God
- ❖ Petitions/Intercessions (1 Timothy 2:1)  
Requests made on behalf of others  
Ephesians 1:15-19
- ❖ Thanksgivings/Giving of Thanks (1 Timothy 2:1)  
Giving gratitude for God's grace and kindness  
Colossians 3:15    "... be thankful."

# Who should we pray for?

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❖ All men (1 Timothy 2:1)

Men and women

❖ Kings and those in authority (1 Timothy 2:2)

❖ Unsaved men (1 Timothy 2:4)

Men and women

# Why should we pray?

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- ❖ So that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life (1 Tim 2:2)
- ❖ So that we may live in godliness and dignity (1 Tim 2:2)
  - Romans 13:4  
Government authority - “a minister of God to you for good”
- ❖ So that men may be saved (1 Tim 2:4)
  - Romans 10:1
- ❖ So that men may come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4)

# How does prayer work?

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- ❖ There is one mediator between God and man (1 Tim 2: 5)

Christ Jesus

Our Prayer is:

- Guided by the Holy Spirit
- Mediated through Christ
- Directed to the Father

- ❖ Prayer engages us in spiritual warfare

Daniel 10:2-3, 11-14

# Who should pray?

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## ❖ Men (1 Timothy 2:8)

- 1 Timothy 2:8 refers to males only
- Audible
- In the context of church meetings

“Therefore, I want men in every place to pray.”

# How should we pray?

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- ❖ Lifting up holy hands (1 Timothy 2:8)
  - 7 times in Old Testament, one occurrence in New Testament
  - Psalm 28:2
  - Moses (Exodus 17:8-12)
  - “Bow” and “kneel” much more common in Scripture
- ❖ Without wrath or dissension (1 Timothy 2:8)
  - Wrath: anger, disputing
  - Dissension: doubting, questioning what is true

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- ❖ Prayer is an essential part of church life (Acts 2:42)
- ❖ God answers boldness in prayer (Acts 4:23-31)
  - The building shook
- ❖ God directs the church as it prays (Acts 10:1-4, 9)
- ❖ God shows His strength in our weakness (Acts 12:5-16)
- ❖ God shows His will to the church as we pray (Acts 14:23)
- ❖ God hears His saints in their need (Acts 16:25-26)
- ❖ Prayer unites us even when we are apart (Acts 20:36-38)

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