

Bold Prayer Hebrews 4:16 / Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)

Pray about everything. Philippians 4:6 / Cast all your cares on Jesus. 1 Peter 5:7 /
Never stop praying. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Personal Prayers and Purpose Prayers

The main difference that I see from our “prayer list” and the prayer concerns in the Bible is that we pray mostly about our personal problems, while the biblical prayers focused more on Christ’s purpose and His mission.

Jesus’ Missional Prayers

- Sometimes when Jesus prayed we are told no content of His prayers. (Mark 1:35; 6:46; Luke 3:21; 9:18, 28; 11:1.) We do know that Jesus made time to commune with His Father and be refreshed in Him.
- Jesus prayed for the healing, deliverance, and salvation of others. (Matthew 8:16; 9:35; 12:15; 14:14; 15:20; 19:2; 21:14; Mark 6:5; 7:37; Luke 4:40; 9:11 and many more.)
- Jesus prayed for God to receive glory and he totally submitted to the Father’s will for Him. (Matthew 11:25; 26:39, 42; 27:46; Mark 14:36; 15:34; Luke 22:31-32, 42; 23:34, 46; John 11:41-42; 12:27-28)

Paul Prayed for the Churches and His Mission

Ephesians 1:17-19 / Ephesians 3:16-19 / Philippians 1:9-11 / Colossians 1:9-12

Paul Asked the Church to Pray for Him to Fulfill His Mission

Romans 15:30-33 / Ephesians 6:19 / Colossians 4:2-4 / 1 Thessalonians 5:25 / 2 Thessalonians 3:1

Bold Next Step: This week I will compare Paul’s Missional Prayers to my prayer list and consider if I need expand my prayer life to include Jesus’ purpose and mission.

How to Pray for Believers Church**1) Pray that our church is _____ and _____.**

(The Believers Church Membership Covenant #2- Share the responsibility of my church by praying for its growth, inviting the unchurched to attend, and by warmly welcoming our guests.)

Numerical Growth – Acts 16:5 / Salvation Growth - Luke 19:10 / Spiritual Growth –
Ephesians 4:22-24

2) Pray people will _____ the _____ of _____ at Believers.

Matthew 18:20

3) Pray for _____ and _____ at Believers Church. Ephesians 4:2-3**4) Pray for the Holy Spirit to _____ among us and have _____ and way. Acts 4:29-30****5) Pray that we will all be _____ and _____ do the _____ of ministry.**

Ephesians 4:11-13

6) Pray we _____ and _____ as a church. Ephesians 4:15-16**7) Pray for the _____ of Believers Church. Matthew 26:21 (Zechariah 13:7)**

Bold Next Step: I commit myself to pray for Believers Church.

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. What percentage of your prayers would you say are personal? What percentage are missional? Are both important?
2. Give me an example of a missional prayer that you pray? What are some other missional type things we could pray about?
3. Look through Ephesians 1:17-19, Ephesians 3:16-19, Philippians 1:9-11, and Colossians 1:9-12. Make a list of a few missional type things that Paul was praying would happen.
4. Pastor Scott gave us seven things that we can pray about for Believers Church. Let’s, as a group, take a moment and pray about all seven items, one at a time.

Answers: healthy – grows / experience – presence – Jesus / unity – peace / move – freely – His – will / equipped – together – work / grow – up – mature / leadership