

Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

16 — 22 September 2018

VERSE of the week: *Colossians 4:2 & Philippians 4:6*

**“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind
& a thankful heart.”**

**“Don’t worry about anything;
instead pray about everything.”**

TABLE GRACE

*Lord, This meal is your gift & we
give you thanks. Keep us mindful of
the means of your provision that
have brought it to our table.
As we take & eat, as in all things,
make us loving neighbours &
faithful stewards. For your purpose
& your glory... Amen.*

5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find “best” in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (**P**raise God, **T**hank Jesus, **A**sk the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT for the week:

***Prayer is a shield to the soul,
a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.***

~ John Bunyan

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it & not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado



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let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Col. 4:2-6, Phil. 4:4-7 & Lk 18:1-9. What strikes you as you read these verses?
2. **What does it mean to be “devoted” to prayer? What should characterize our prayers according to 4:2? Why would that attitude be important?**
3. How should the church pray for its leaders? In tandem with the work of the leaders, how is the church to live out/ share the good news? Why is the work of sharing the gospel the work of the whole church not just the leaders/preachers?
4. **What does it mean to rejoice in the Lord? Why do you think he specifies “always”?** Describe how it might be possible to do this even in hard times.
5. **Why do you think Paul is so serious about us being “considerate” & not “worrying”? Why would he mention this here? How does praying bring peace?**
6. When you feel anxious or depressed what do you do to feel better? What would it look like for you to use prayer to fight for joy or peace like Paul is describing?
7. What lesson does the parable in Lk 18 teach? What does Jesus mean by His last question (18:8b)? Is it directed toward His disciples, toward the world, or both?
8. **How does God's character give you confidence in your praying?**

let's READ

Sunday	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	Thursday	Romans 12:12
Monday	Psalms 18:6	Friday	1 John 5:14-15
Tuesday	John 15:16	Saturday	1 Peter 3:12
Wednesday	Psalms 107:28-30	<i>BONUS:</i>	Proverbs 2:6-8

let's PRAY

PRAISE GOD for hearing & answering every prayer.

THANK JESUS for praying to the Father for you.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to bring the presence & power of Christ as the first answer to your prayers.

let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:

(Name), † child of God,

The Father hears and answers your prayers in His love. Amen.

