

Committed to Prayer

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WHY IS PRAYER A CORE COMMITMENT OF ST. MATTHEW?

[Colossians 4:2](#) - Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.

We want to _____ the Bible's _____ and images of prayer.

- Prayer is a command - [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#) (MSG) - *pray all the time*.
- Prayer is warfare - [Matthew 26:41](#) & [Revelation 5:8](#)
- Prayer is an intimate meeting and conversation with God - [Zephaniah 3:17](#)
- Prayer is an exchange of confidence - [1 Kings 18:16-38](#)
- Prayer is a posture of trust - [1 Samuel 16:7](#)
- Prayer is waiting for God to answer - [Habakkuk 1:2](#)
- Prayer is a source of wisdom when you don't know what to do - [James 1:5](#)
- Prayer is going directly to your Father with out hindrance - [Romans 8:15-17](#)
- Prayer is a magnet that pulls worry to God rather than yourself - [Philippians 4:6](#)
- Prayer is an affirmation of God's goodness - [Psalm 104:1](#)

We _____ on God's _____ when we pray.

[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.

We _____ God is always _____ and we want to be part of what He is doing.

Prevenient Grace = the enabling effect of God's grace that goes before us as a work of the Holy Spirit on the human heart to loosen sin's grip on us.

- God initiates
- God rescues
- God pursues

We have a God Who _____ to us...so we _____ !

[Hebrews 4:15-16](#) - For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.