



**Luke 18:1, Luke 11:9-10,
Always Pray & Don't Give
Up, Prayerful Prepositions**

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Luke 18:1 Jesus told his disciples...that they should always pray and not give up.

① → Describe the difference between these three prepositions when it comes to the church praying: ① As ② In ③ With

② → Praying **as** the Church:

- How does knowing the church is the body of Christ shape our understanding of intercessory prayer and its impact on the world?
- In what ways can our collective prayers as the church reflect the unity and diversity of the body of Christ, and how can this address or influence our approach to global and local issues?

③ → Praying **in** the Church:

- What theological significance do you find in praying within the gathered church (or in what might be called a consecrated space), and how does this setting enhance your sense of the ① sacred ② and the communal?
- How can the physical space of the church's building be utilized to foster a deeper sense of reverence and connection to God during prayer?

④ → Praying **with** the Church:

- How does the communal prayer experience with fellow believers deepen your understanding of the communal nature of the Christian faith and the concept of the "communion of saints"?
- In what ways can we cultivate a spirit of unity and mutual support through collective prayer, and how does this practice reflect the early church's commitment to "devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42)?

⑤ → How can we ensure that our prayers as the church align with God's mission and purpose for us?