



Brothers and Sisters, Pray
26th in the “Thessalonians” Series
2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
September 21, 2025
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Introduction: In this text, God commands us to pray for gospel ministry and teaches us to believe that the Lord is faithful.

-“...one of the surest marks of the Christian is his prayer life. One might pray and not be a Christian, but one could not possibly be a Christian and not pray. Romans 8:15 tells us that the spiritual adoption that has made us sons [and daughters] of God causes us to cry out in verbal expressions: ‘Abba! Father.’ Prayer is to the Christian what breath is to life, yet no duty of the Christian is so neglected.”

-R. C. Sproul in *Does Prayer Change Things?*

1) It is the duty of the Christian to pray for the ministry and protection of the church (vv. 1-2).

2) We pray with expectation and submission because “the Lord is faithful” (vv. 3-5).

Pastoral Reflections: *How can we properly respond to our sermon text this morning?*

Response

Brothers and sisters, let us commit to being a praying church.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues needing clarification together.

- 1) What makes it so hard for Christians to spend regular time in prayer?
- 2) The apostle Paul commands that the Thessalonian Christians pray for his ministry and the spread of the gospel (v. 1). Why would God command us to pray for the ministry of others and the spread of the gospel?
- 3) Paul also commands the Thessalonian Christians to pray for his protection from evil people (v. 2). How should we pray such prayers for ministers and missionaries today, and what wickedness and evil would we be praying against?
- 4) Why is it important to know and believe that “the Lord is faithful” (v. 3), and how should that change how we trust and hope in God during difficult times?
- 5) In v. 4, Paul says that God’s faithfulness is specifically at work in us, that God is helping Christians grow and persevere in their faith. How have you seen God do that in your own Christian life?
- 6) How can you make prayer a more regular and essential part of your Christian life? Discuss some practical steps together.
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Philippians 4:6-7 (Mon); 1 John 5:14 (Tues); Colossians 4:2 (Wed); Romans 12:12 (Thurs); Hebrews 4:16 (Fri).