

Monthly Prayer Letter - June 2026

Dear Church Family,

Sometimes the best way to learn how to pray is by listening to other people pray. My guess is that you first learned to pray not by reading a book on prayer, or watching a how-to video on YouTube, but by listening to how and what other believers say when they pray.

When we read through Scripture, we not only find stories, prophecies, parables, and preaching, we also find a number of personal prayers. Over the next five Sundays, we'll be reading and learning from the recorded prayers of Hannah, Jesus, Solomon, David, and the Apostle Paul. What we'll find in these Old and New Testament passages is not a set of specific teachings on how to pray, or even a theology of prayer. Rather, we'll see examples of how these people approached God in prayer and the kinds of things they prayed about.

The aim of this sermon mini-series can be summed up in the series title: ***Becoming People of Prayer***. Like these godly men and women we'll read about in Scripture, we as a church family want to be—both individually and together as a church—people who pray.

In the book our elders are currently reading together, *A Praying Church*, author Paul E. Miller says of his own prayer habits,

“I have no interest in doing anything that hasn't been prayed for and prayed over. What I pray over lasts, and what I don't pray over doesn't last.”

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Miller goes on to quote Edith Schaeffer, who, along with her husband, Francis founded L'Abri Fellowship in the mid-1950s. She once wrote the following about the importance of prayer.

“Common sense Christian living takes place in an atmosphere where prayer is as natural as breathing, as necessary as oxygen, as real as talking to your favorite person with whom there is no strain, as sensible as reaching into the bag of flour for the proper supplies for making bread.”

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I'm still learning what it means to be a praying church, and what it looks like to become people of prayer, but I love that picture of “prayer being woven into every part” of our church life and ministry, and “an atmosphere where prayer is as natural as breathing.” I don't think that one 5-

week sermon series will take us all the way there, but I'm excited to dive into the Scriptures together and learn more about prayer from some godly individuals we read about in the Bible.

As we take a summer break from our sermon series through the Gospel of Luke, would you join me in praying for this first sermon mini-series of the season?

- Would you join me in asking God to teach us more about prayer from a woman in pain, an imperfect king and his imperfect son, an unlikely apostle, and the Lord Jesus himself?
- Would you join me in asking the Lord to show us how to weave prayer into everything we do as a church?
- Would you join me in asking the Holy Spirit to create among us "an atmosphere where prayer is as natural as breathing"?

I am eager to learn from these biblical characters, and more importantly, from God's word in a way that encourages my prayer life. hope you'll join us these next five Sundays as we sit with these men and women of Scripture and learn from them how to pray.

In Him,

Pastor Eric