



Alleluia! Adult Ministries

Sermon-Based Study  
for Connect Groups

March 16th/17th, 2019

*Sermon Series: Overflow*  
*Title: Praying to God, Praying for Others*  
*Scripture: Colossians 1:9-13*

### **Connecting**

Share a “High” and/or “Low” from the past week with the group.

Or try this icebreaker...

Who has made the biggest Spiritual Impact on you?

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Read Today’s Scripture:**

Colossians 1:9-13

### **Discussion**

1. Is there a favorite pre-written prayer that you have and/or use to pray? What about a favorite prayer practice?
2. When you pray, what do you usually pray for? Forgiveness? Thanksgivings? Personal needs or requests? For other’s needs? Other?
3. What are the benefits/deficits of saying pre-written (rote) prayers? What are the benefits/deficits of spontaneous (free-form) prayers? What are ways you can overcome the deficits?
4. In what ways does God speak or respond to you? Chance encounters? Conscience promptings? Audibly? Dreams? Coincidences? Intuition or feelings? Other?
5. Re-read Colossians 1: 9-13. What do we learn from this passage about praying for others? (Pastor Tammy shared five in her message). Which do you find most challenging?

### **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, help us to grow in the knowledge of Your Will and to live a life that is pleasing to you in every way. Lord, help us in our weakness, strengthening us with endurance and patience so that we may remain as faithful to you as you are to us. We are so thankful for the gift of your Son, our Savior, who went to a Cross for us. It’s in His Name we pray. Amen.