

**Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church**  
**Wednesday Bible Study**  
**March 13, 2019**  
**Theme: When God's People Pray**  
**The Purpose of Prayer- "Communing with the Sovereign Lord "**  
**Romans 12:12, Matthew 6:9-13, John 17**

**Scripture of the Month: Psalm 34:15-** The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

**Introduction:** One of Jesus's customs was praying, and He was often found leaving the crowd early in the morning to go and pray. The act of prayer is vital to the life of Christians, and we see in Scripture that prayer has multiple purposes. The traditional purposes of prayer are adoration, thanksgiving, petition and repentance. When we practice these purposes, we can draw closer to God and live a more intimate relationship with Him through prayer.

**Icebreaker: What are some of the reasons that people pray? List your top three.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Prevail with Godly Grace (\_\_\_\_\_)**

- a. Praying in faith is an act of love. Rom. 12:12
- b. Prayer is to be done with an alert mind. Col.. 4:2
- c. Prayer should be ongoing. I Thess. 5:17

**II. Produce Glory for God (\_\_\_\_\_)**

- a. Our petitions should appeal to the Glory of God Psa. 79:8-9
- b. Praying for His glory should be our desire Psa. 115:1
- c. Jesus prayed for the Glory of God – Jn. 17: 15-19; 24

**III. Petition God for Pardon (\_\_\_\_\_)**

- a. Admission of guilt before the sovereign is a privilege. Psa. 51:2-4; 10-12
- b. Asking God to strengthen our hearts is in order. I Thess. 3:11-13
- c. Assuredly, we can ask God for all we need in prayer. Heb. 4:15-16

**IV. Praise God for His Power (\_\_\_\_\_)**

- a. Thanking God for delivering us from harm is honorable (Jonah 2:2-9)
- b. Giving God credit for victory over our enemies is empowering (Psa. 3)
- c. Rejoicing in God's loving-kindness seals our hope in Him (I Sam.12:1-10)

**V. Tangible Take-Aways**

1. This week concentrate on the sovereignty of God when you pray.
2. Enter into prayer knowing that God calls you to pray because He wants to spend time with you.

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