

Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



"He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" Hebrews 11:6



# **Prayer is the Key**

Prayer is how we talk with God. He desires our individual companionship and wants each of us to take time to communicate with Him. It may seem strange that we, as human beings, could actually talk with the Creator of the world. But that is why mankind was created in the first place; to give companionship and fellowship to the Almighty.

This relationship was always supposed to be natural and normal for man. Adam and Eve originally "heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day" (Genesis 3:8). They had a sweet communion with the Lord, until sin came and destroyed their relationship.

Sin caused separation. From that time God had a plan to save man from his sins. Through obedience to the plan of salvation found in Acts 2:38, we can now enter into the presence of God and enjoy close companionship with Him again. We can develop our personal relationship with daily prayer.

#### There are many reasons why we should pray:

- Connects us with God
- Helps us to know Him better
- Helps set Godly priorities
- Shows our dependency on Him
- Is a powerful weapon

Family Prayer: Thank You Lord for the privilege of prayer and daily fellowship with You. We know that You hear us and care about our needs. In Jesus' name!





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**Family Activities** 



Gather food items to represent the different layers of prayer; be creative! (ice cream sundaes, fruit kabobs, sandwiches, etc.):

Praise

Repent

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Yield

Evangelize

Repeat praise

Enjoy this family treat and let it be a reminder of our commitment to prayer!

# Let's talk!

Let each family member discuss questions that they have about prayer. For example: How do I pray, what do I say to God, how much time should I spend in prayer each day, etc.?

Create a family prayer board that the whole family can use for the needs of your church, missionaries, etc. Let everyone put at least one need/name on the board. Post in a prominent place in your home.



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Are you willing to **PUSH** beyond the norm? **P**ray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens?

Ordinary prayer = Ordinary results

Extraordinary prayer = Extraordinary results

#### **Praise**

Recognize God's nature (Ps. 63:3)

# Waiting

Silent soul surrender (Ps. 46:10)

#### Confession

Temple cleansing time (Ps. 139:23)

# **Scripture Praying**

Word-enriched prayer (Jer. 23:29)

# Watching

Develop Holy alertness (Col. 4:2)

# Intercession

Remember the world (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

#### **Petition**

Share personal needs (Matt. 7:7)

# **Thanksgiving**

Profess my blessings (1 Thess. 5:18)

#### **Singing**

Worship in song (Ps. 100:2)

#### Meditation

Ponder spiritual themes (Josh. 1:8)

# Listening

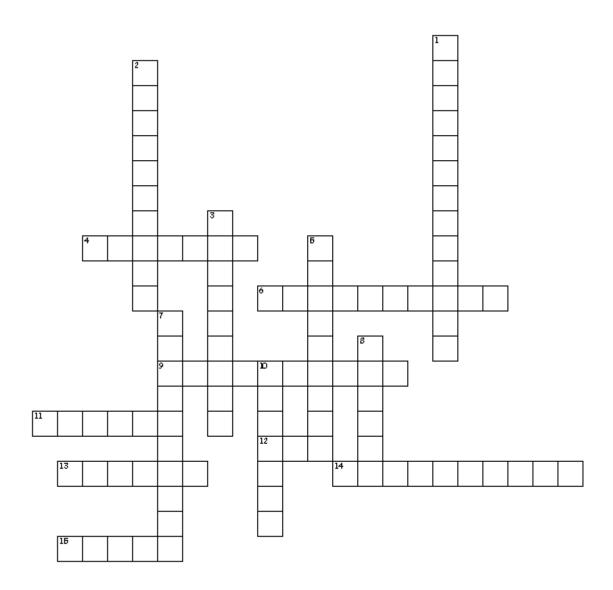
Receive spiritual instruction (Ecc. 5:2)

#### **Praise**

Recognize God's nature (Ps. 52:9)

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#### Answers can be found in the Devotion



#### Across

- 4. God is the \_\_\_\_ of the world
- 6. God wanted this with us from the beginning  $\ensuremath{\text{G}}$
- 9. Prayer helps to set these
- 11. Where Adam and Eve walked with God
- 12. This caused separation
- 13. \_\_\_ is the key
- 14. God desires companionship
- 15. How often we should pray

#### Down

- 1. We can enjoy close \_\_\_\_ with God
- 2. God's first companions
- 3. This was sweet with the Lord
- 5. God has a plan of  $\_$  for us
- 7. Prayer shows our on God
- 8. Prayer is also a powerful
- 10. There are many \_\_\_ to pray

# **Prayer Sandwich**

