

## 9/2/18 | James 5: Prayer



*"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise." —James 5:13 | NIV*

### DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever prayed for something for years? What happened?

2. Consider this quote. What does it mean? Is it true? What does it have to do with James 5?

*God wants us to pray,  
and He wants to hear our prayers—  
not because we are worthy,  
but because He is merciful.  
—Martin Luther*

3. What stuck out to you from James 5? What stuck out to you from the sermon?

### Pray in All Circumstances

4. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17. How well do you follow this command?

5. Read Daniel 6. Why did Daniel keep praying? What would you have done in Daniel's position? What was King Darius's description for Daniel in verses 16 and 20? When you consider Daniel's example, how important does prayer seem to you?

6. Read Ephesians 6:18-20. Why was Paul (author) asking for prayer? What does he mean by writing to pray for the "saints"? Are these prayers that are still needed today?

7. Read Colossians 1:3-4, 9-14. Why was Paul (author) praying for the Colossians (the "you" in the verses)? What part did thankfulness have in these prayers?

8. Do you ever pray for other people? Do you pray when they haven't

asked for prayer? How do you know what to pray for?

9. Read Romans 8:26-27. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit telling you what to pray for?
  
10. Read Luke 18:1-8. How is God like the judge? How is God NOT like the judge? How is this story about prayer?
  
11. Read Matthew 7:7-11. How can these verses encourage you when you are waiting for an answer to prayer?
  
12. What have you learned from studying prayer this week? When do you find it hardest to pray? How can you build a prayer habit this week?

**TAKEAWAY... Suggestions:**

- Make prayer a priority
- Pray for each other
- Invite spiritual leaders beside you
- Pray confidently and continually
- Confess your sins
- Remember that powerful prayer stems from a righteous life