

# Growing as *Disciples*





“2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it  
with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2





“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching  
and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the  
prayers.”

Acts 2:42





“But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the  
ministry of the word.”

Acts 6:4





“Pray without ceasing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17



**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant  
in prayer.”**

**Romans 12:12**





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**Prayer, Matthew 6:5-13**



5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.





7 “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:





“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Matthew 6:5-13 (ESV)



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“You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly,  
to spend it on your passions.” –James 4:3



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“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6





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“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and  
supplication.”

Ephesians 6:18







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Could this be you, spiritually?



“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.





7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

Ephesians 1:3-10



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# ACTS Acronym

**A: Adoration**

**C: Confession**

**T: Thanksgiving**

**S: Supplication**



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