

## *The Importance of Corporate Prayer*

Acts 2:40-47

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### Main Point:

As a member of this redeemed community of believers, devote yourself to the ministry of corporate prayer.

1. As a redeemed community of believers in the past, the early church was devoted to certain ministries.
2. As a redeemed community of believers today, we should also be devoted to these same ministries.
3. One of the key ministries we are to be devoted to as a congregation is corporate prayer.
4. God often uses the corporate prayers of His church to bring about great things.
5. As a member of this redeemed community of believers, devote yourself to the ministry of corporate prayer.

## Quotations and Cross-References

**Dennis Johnson** “The summaries of the church’s life and growth in the early chapters of Acts give us a glimpse of how the church behaves when it is a normal, healthy, holy community.”

**Definition:** “Corporate prayer is a meeting of members of a Christian congregation at times (stated or unstated) other than the public worship services for the purpose of engaging in united prayer.”

**John Gill** “Not only in their closets, and in their families, but in the church; in the public prayers of the church, they observed all opportunities of this kind, and gladly embraced them.”

**Romans 12:12** <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; (NKJV)

**Colossians 4:2** <sup>2</sup> Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; (NKJV)

**Charles Spurgeon** “We shall never the much change for the better in our churches in general till the prayer meeting occupies a higher place in the esteem of Christians.”