

## Acts 1:1-14

# Prayer and Pentecostal, Spirit Empowerment and Effectiveness

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Intro – With Christ I the School of Prayer

I. First Action of A Well-Taught Army – Prayer

II. The Importance of Prayer in the Acts of Christ Through His Disciples

Ac 1:24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen

Ac 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Ac 4:23-31<sup>23</sup> And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, <sup>25</sup> who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, *And the people plot vain things?*

<sup>26</sup> *The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.'* <sup>27</sup> "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together <sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, <sup>30</sup> by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Ac 6:4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Ac 6:6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

Ac 7:59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Ac 8:14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

Ac 8:15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

Ac 8:22-24<sup>22</sup> Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." <sup>24</sup> Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."

Ac 9:11 So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.

Ac 9:40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

Ac 10:2 a devout *man* and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

Ac 10:4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

Ac 10:8<sup>8</sup> So when he had explained all *these* things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Ac 10:9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.

Ac 10:30,31 So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, <sup>31</sup> and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God.

Ac 11:5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me.

Ac 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.  
Ac 12:12 So, when he had considered *this*, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.

Ac 13:3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away.  
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Ac 14:23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Ac 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met *there*.

Ac 16:16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

Ac 16:25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Ac 20:36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ,<sup>37</sup> Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him,

Ac 21:5 When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till we were out of the city. And we knelt down on the shore and prayed.

Ac 22:17,18 "Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance<sup>18</sup> and saw Him saying to me, 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.'

Ac 27:29 Then, fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come.

Ac 28:8 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

### III. First Prayers of the Bible

### IV. Wise Men and Foolish Men

- A. Today's Fellowship Meetings
- B. Family Prayer
- C. Friday Evening Prayer for North Korea
- D. Prayer Partners and Trios
- E. Summer RCC Staff Prayer Meetings
- F. Small Groups – Closed or Open, But Praying

V. Matt. 18:19,20 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

**Pastor Dee Duke's *Etiquette for Praying With Others*.**

- A. *Pray short prayers.*
- B. *Pray loud enough for all to hear.*
- C. *Don't go to sleep.*
- D. *Work hard at agreeing.*
- E. *Stay on one topic at a time.*
- F. *Try to connect with the person who prayed before you.*
- G. *Listen to your thoughts.*
- H. *Bring a notebook and write down ideas, thoughts, and prayers.*
- I. *Pray silently as long as necessary, but press on to become a vocal participant.*
- J. *Don't pray private prayer needs in larger groups.*
- K. *Don't gossip or slander as you pray.*
- L. *Don't preach as you pray.*