

**ST CLAIR COMMUNITY CHURCH –
Bible Study – Spiritual discipline - Prayer**

Event/Person	Passage	Total Time From Creation (years)
God created everything.	Genesis 1-2	0
Adam became the father of Seth at 130.	Genesis 5:3	0 + 130 = 130
Seth became the father of Enosh at 105.	Genesis 5:6	130 + 105 = 235
Enosh became the father of Kenan at 90.	Genesis 5:9	235 + 90 = 325
Cainan became the father of Mahalalel at 70.	Genesis 5:12	325 + 70 = 395
Mahalalel became the father of Jared at 65.	Genesis 5:15	395 + 65 = 460
Jared became the father of Enoch at 162.	Genesis 5:18	460 + 162 = 622
Enoch became the father of Methuselah at 65.	Genesis 5:21	622 + 65 = 687
Methuselah became the father of Lamech at 187.	Genesis 5:25	687 + 187 = 874
Lamech became the father of Noah at 182.	Genesis 5:28	874 + 182 = 1056
The Flood started when Noah was 600.	Genesis 7:6	1056 + 600 = 1656

From Adam to Noah's Arc = 1656 years

“And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then *men* began to call on the name of the LORD.” Gen. 4: 26

Gen. 5: 3years

Gen. 5: 6.....years

How long did it take for men to begin to pray again?

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What is the connection between the Holy Spirit and intercessors?

Gen. 6: 3

Romans 8: 26.....

What is one of the main tasks of the Holy Spirit?

John 16: 8-11,,

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What did happen when the Holy Spirit no longer active in the pre-Noahic world?

Gen. 6: 3, 6: 5-7, 6: 11

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What will happens when the Holy Spirit no longer acts in the world?

II Thessalonians 2: 1-11.....

What usually happens when two persons walk together? Gen. 5: 22, 6: 9

Example: Luke 24: 13-14 (Amos 3: 3)

Could we say that prayer was part of Enosh and Noah's lifestyle? Why? Gen. 5: 22; 6: 9, 6: 13. (II Peter 2: 5)

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ENOSH IS A FIGURE OF THE CHURCH IN OUR AGE

He was translated - Gen. 5: 24 – and so will the church - I Thessalonians 4: 17

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

While the church prays the Holy Spirit acts, when the Holy Spirit stops acting, prayer will no longer be answered. (Rev. 9: 6)

Is prayer a choice or a mandate for Christians?.....

Luke 18: 1 “And he also told them a parable about the duty to pray always, and never to faint.”

Do I need to feel something, to pray?Why?.....

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Colossians 4: 2 “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Daniel 6: 10-11 “Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. 11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.”

Who is the greatest example for Christians concerning prayer?Why?

.....*Luke 3: 21, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18, 11:1, 22: 32, 23: 34, Heb. 5: 7(I Corinthians 11: 1, I John 2: 6)*

THE IMPORTANCE OF COLLECTIVE PRAYER

- “And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.” Luke 1: 10
- “They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.” Acts 1: 14
- “When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.” Acts 4: 24
- “When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.” Acts 12: 12

Is it wrong to pray aloud, or in silence?

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- ✓ *I Kings 8: 22, Psalm 77:1, Jeremiah 29: 12, 33: 3, Mat. 26: 39, Acts 4: 24, Heb. 5: 7*
- ✓ *Genesis 24: 45, I Samuel 1: 13, Ne. 2: 4*

What was Jesus’s warning to his disciples concerning prayer in the verse below?

Matthew 6:5-6 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you

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The word hypocrite came into English from the Greek word hypokrites, which means “an actor” or “a stage player

INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATIONS

- a) Intercession is a "petition on behalf of one's neighbor."

One can recognize a prayer of intercession because it is offered on behalf of another person, group, or situation (Moses, Samuel, and Daniel on behalf of the nation: Exodus. 32: 32, Numbers 14: 17, I Samuel 7: 5 Daniel 9; Moses and Hezekiah on behalf of Miriam and the Hebrews - Numbers 12: 13; Chron. 30: 18

- b) Supplication is “a plea for personal help."

One can identify a prayer of supplication by its personal nature and request for personal help, or benefit (I Samuel 1:11) Hannah’s personal prayer of supplication represented both her desire to have a child and to see her reproach removed.

Different body position to pray

Sitting – I Chronicles 17: 16-27

Kneeling – I Kings 8:54, Ezra 9:5, Luke 22:41, Acts 9:40, 20: 36, 21: 5

Bowing – Exodus 34:8, Psalm 72:11, Nehemiah 8:6

Standing – Nehemiah 9:5, Mark 11:25, Luke 18:13

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Uplifted hands – 2 Chronicles 6:12, 13, I Timothy 2:8

Walking – 2 Kings 4:32-35

Prostrate – Joshua 7:6, Ezra 10:1, Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:35

IN THE NAME OF JESUS

John 14:13, 15:7, 15: 16, 16:24

Is Jesus' promising to give anything we ask? Why?

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- ✓ Luke 9: 54-55 (I John 5: 14)

- ✓ James 4: 2-3 “You do not have, because you do not ask. 3And when you do ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may squander it on your pleasures.”

Below there are some guidelines to help you to pray:

Let's pray collectively:

1. For our nation and the nations (Ethno – people group) – Jews and Gentiles
 - *“These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Isaiah 56: 7*
 - *"We have sinned" and speaks of "our kings ... princes ... fathers ... people." In verse 16, he prays, "O Lord ... turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem." Daniel 9:4-19.*

2. **For the proclamation of the gospel in the world**
 - *“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.” Colossians 4: 2-4*

3. **For our church members and for others (children, youth, couples, widows, seniors).**

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- *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6: 18*
- *To church leaders (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastor, Teachers, local church leaders in different ministries: worship, children, administration, youth, etc. “*
- *So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.” Acts 12: 5*
- *“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, Ephesians 6: 19*
- *“Brothers and sisters, pray for us.” I Thes. 5: 25 (Context of “us” - Paul, Silas, and Timothy, 1: 1)*

4. For the spiritual growth and maturity of the saints

- *“For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3: 14-19*
- *“Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, salute you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.” Colossians 4:12*

- a. To obey Jesus’s commandments – John 13: 34-36
- b. For the anointing of the Holy Spirit – Luke 11: 13, Acts 1: 8
- c. For love for the lost – Mat. 9: 36
- d. Spiritual gifts – I Co. 12-14, James 1: 17
- e. The fruit of the Holy Spirit – Gal. 5: 22-23

5. for God to raise up workers

- *“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Mat. 9: 37-38*

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6. for God to bless all rulers

- *“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior.” 1 Timothy 2: 1-3*

7. for all who serve our society. They might do it with compassion and justice (police, doctors, teachers, etc...)

- *“and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior.” 1 Timothy 2: 1-3*

8. For your own needs (spiritual growth, health, finances, family members)

- *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4: 6*

9. For your enemies (maybe in your workplace, family, school)

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Mathew 5: 44

“Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6: 28

10. For those who have been blind by Satan (So, they might see the light of the gospel)

- *“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Co. 4: 3-4*

Billions in false religious, worshipping false gods, sexual depravity, addicts,

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

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