

Church Matters: What binds our hearts together?

A commitment to continual prayer

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Key Idea

God's new covenant people should be tightly bound together as they pray together.

What is prayer?

A privileged conversation with the sovereign God of the universe

A privileged conversation that is also commanded

[Colossians 4:2](#) / [Matthew 7:7–11](#)

A privileged conversation that also demands time

[1 Thessalonians 5:16–18](#) / [Ephesians 6:17–18](#)

The biblical requirements of conversational prayer:

Conversational prayer requires...

The foundational understanding of the Word of God

[Ephesians 6:17–18](#) / [1 Corinthians 14:15](#)

The directive support of the Spirit

[Romans 8:26–28](#)

The honored authority of Jesus

[Hebrews 4:14–16](#) / [John 16:24](#)

The biblical features of conversational prayer:

[Matthew 6:5–13](#)

Conversational prayer involves...

A continual correction of my perspective

My perspective of God ([6:9](#), [13](#))

My perspective of me ([6:10](#))

My perspective of others ([6:12](#))

A regular declaration of my dependence ([6:11](#))

[1 Peter 5:6–11](#) / [Philippians 4:6](#)

A persistent petition for my perceived needs ([6:11](#))

[Luke 18:1–8](#)

The blessings of praying together:

Corporate prayer unifies our hearts by...

Reminding us who we all really are

Promoting forgiveness and patience

Revealing our unifying hope

Stabilizing our expressions of worship

Empowering our spiritual passion

So What?

Do you enjoy an ongoing conversation with God?

Do you regularly declare your dependence on God?

Do you take time to pray with other believers?