

How can we become a house of prayer?

Mark 11:17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'?"

Pray with out ceasing

1Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing (continual, without intermission)

1. Prayer walking

Joshua 1:3 "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you ... all the land ... shall be your territory.

Joshua 6:16 "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!"

In the name of Jesus Christ, I bind my neighbors to Your will and purposes for their lives. I bind their minds to the mind of Christ that they will hear the very thoughts, intents, and purposes of His heart towards them. I bind my neighbor's feet to the paths You've ordained for them to walk in – paths leading right into Your arms. I bind their hands to the special work You've ordained for them to accomplish in the Kingdom. I bind my neighbors to the work of the Cross in their lives, for it is out of the crucifixion of self that Your forgiveness, love, mercy, power and authority will be able to flow through every area of their lives.

I bind my neighbors to the truth of the goodness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to the truth of Your Word. I loose all preconceived ideas they have about you, Lord. I loose all half-truths they have believed about You. I loose discouragement, deception, and denial from them.

I bind my neighbors to the sweetness of Your love, to the drawing and wooing of Your Holy Spirit. I bind my neighbors into Your care, and I loose the wrong thinking that has caused them to flee from being under the shadow of your wings. I bind them to the truth of Your grace and Your mercy. I loose guilt and fear from my neighbors – wrong ideas that they have done too many sinful things, that they have gone too far to be accepted and forgiven by You. I bind them to an understanding of the concept of grace – Your wonderful grace.

I loose all generational bondage's, religious bondages, fleshly bondages, and soul ties from my neighbors. Lord, in Jesus name, I cut, sever, slash, and break the bondages of the world form them. Move upon my neighbors by Your Holy Spirit, Lord and draw them to Yourself.

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2. Prayer circles in church service

a. Pray for one another

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

How to do it: gather in a circle of 3-4 people; Pray 2-3 minutes for each others needs. KISS (Keep It Simple Saint)

b. Don't just wait for church. Look for opportunities during the day. If someone expresses a need to you during the course of your day, say *"Can I pray for you?"* and do it right there.

c. Stop waiting for the Evangelist to heal the sick and cast out devils. YOU DO IT!

Mark 16:17 says, "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues ... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

3. Prayer meetings

James was killed by Herod & Peter was delivered. Prayer made the difference!

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out [his] hand to harass some from the church. 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was [during] the Days of Unleavened Bread. 4 So when he had arrested him, he put [him] in prison, and delivered [him] to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. 5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. 7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by [him], and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off [his] hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." 9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and [from] all the expectation of the Jewish people." 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.

4. Pre-service Prayer (It is not convenient, but it primes the pump)

Example: Brother Nash would go into a city a week or more ahead of Charles Finney and pray (unseen by anyone else). In some cases when Charles Finney would come into the town people would fall on the ground under the conviction of sin before he ever preached a word. Charles Finney attributed his success to the prayer ministry of Brother Nash.

5. Prayer Chain

1 Thessalonians 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.

6. Prayer Focus Bulletin

a. E-mail Prayer requests, etc.

7. Personal Devotions

"If your day is hemmed with prayer it is less likely to unravel"

8. Prayer driving (Praying in the Spirit)

1Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

9. 24 Hour House of Prayer (Once a quarter)

Luke 6:12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

10. Prayer & Fasting (Once a month)

Mark 9:28 And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

11. Be sensitive to Holy Spirit reminders

If someone comes to your mind during the day that could be the Holy Spirit cueing you that you need to pray for them

Ephesians 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention (remembrance, memory) of you in my prayers: