

Will the People of God Pray?

2 Chronicles 7:14–16 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵ Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place. ¹⁶ For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

Lack of Prayer	Prayer
<p>Acts 12:1-4 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.</p> <p>2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Acts 12:5-7 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Excuses/Reasons not participating in corporate prayer

- Doesn't fit into schedule
- It's Inconvenient
- They don't pray like I like to pray
- It messes up my morning routine
- Everything is going okay. There is no need
- I work
- I'm busy
- I take care of kids
- Doesn't fit into my schedule
- I don't know how to pray for an hour
- I don't like to be expected to do things
- Not enough people show up
- God understands
- I'm with you in Spirit
- I pray on my bed
- I have to sleep
- God knows I want to
- It's boring
- I am lazy
- My cat has diarrhea



Mark 14:37–40 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.” ³⁹ Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. ⁴⁰ And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.