

PCF-LA Midweek Prayer Meeting Teaching Slides - Wednesday January 28, 2026

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**2026**  
**The**  
**Year of**  
**PRAISE**

**Proclaiming Praise *Through* PRAYER**

PROCLAIMING PRAISE

# Through PRAYER

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### *THE LORD'S PRAYER*

<sup>7</sup> "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. <sup>9</sup> Pray, then, in this way:

**'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.  
Your Kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is  
in Heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive  
us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And do  
not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours  
is the Kingdom & the power & the glory forever. Amen.]'**

## 1. The PRIMARY FOCUS of Prayer

Mt 6:7-13

**PRAYER** is the medium of our most intimate connection to God, a channel for:

- experiencing His heart & Spirit at work in us;
- expressing our hearts & beings to Him.

Inasmuch as **PRAISE** reflects the most real & ideal response to the reality of who God is, **PRAISE** provides both:

- an absolutely fundamental basis for our **PRAYER** *and*
- the ultimate aim & goal of our **PRAYER** (*cf Re 4:8-11*).

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## 2. *Acts 16:23-34*

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## 2. Praise POWER Through Prayer Ac 16:23-34

### *PAUL & SILAS IN THE PHILIPPIAN JAIL*

23 When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; 24 & he...threw them into the inner prison & fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 **But about midnight Paul & Silas were praying & singing hymns of praise to God, & the prisoners were listening to them; 26 & suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.**

27 When the jailer awoke & saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword & was about to kill himself, supposing that

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the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" <sup>29</sup> And he called for lights & rushed in, & trembling with fear he fell down before Paul & Silas, <sup>30</sup> & after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, & you will be saved...& your household, [too]." <sup>32</sup> And **they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.** <sup>33</sup> And he took them that [very] hour of the night & washed their wounds, **and immediately he [& all his household were] baptized.** <sup>34</sup> And he brought them into his house & set food before them, **& rejoiced greatly, having believed in God** with his whole household.

## 2. Praise POWER Through Prayer Ac 16:23-34

**PRAYER** that is focused on **PRAISE** is truly focused on God—His will, righteousness, & love—in other words, His Kingdom of Holy **POWER** which enfranchises us to:

- withstand hardship & persecution courageously;
- love our enemies;
- bear powerful & even miraculous witness to the Gospel.

Ample examples exist in Scripture & the history of the Church of such **PRAISE PRAYERS** producing miraculous works of God's **POWER** that can bring others to **FAITH**.

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### 3. *Philippians 4:4-9*

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*Paul's Prayer Model*

### 3. Praise PEACE Through Prayer

Ph 4:4-9

#### *PAUL'S PRAYER MODEL*

4 **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!** 5 Let your gentle [spirit] be known to all people. The Lord is near.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer & supplication **with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.** 7 **And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts &...minds in Christ Jesus.**

8 Finally, brethren, **whatever is true...honorable...right...pure [&]** **lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence &...anything worthy of praise,** dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned & received & heard & seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

### 3. Praise PEACE Through Prayer

Ph 4:4-9

Even (& perhaps *especially*) when we're in the most trying or fearful circumstances, **letting PRAISE lead and focus our PRAYER** positions us to experience:

- reassurance of God's Presence & care *[1 Pe 5:7]*;
- reminders of God's capacity & generosity *[Ja 1:2-5]*;
- infusion of His encouraging peace *[Mt 11:28; Jn 14:27]*.

1. *Matthew 6:7-13 | The Lord's Prayer*

PRAYER begins with, sustains in, & always aims to PRAISE GOD.

2. *Acts 16:23-34 | The Philippian Jail*

PRAISE through PRAYER bears powerful witness to God that can lead others to salvation.

3. *Philippians 4:4-9 | Paul's Prayer*

PRAISE-FILLED PRAYER also fills us with God's abiding & encouraging PEACE.