



PRAYING IT FORWARD

COLOSSIANS 4:2-4

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Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—

4 *that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

(ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 12:12**. Constant prayer sounds straightforward until we examine our own lives. What do you think explains the gap between what we know we should do and what we actually do?
2. Read **Daniel 6:10**. Daniel obviously had some established patterns and habits for his prayer life. What specific patterns could you build into your daily life to make your praying more consistent and sustainable?
3. Read **1 Peter 4:7**. Beyond simply finding a time and a place to pray, what practically helps you show up mentally — fully present and genuinely engaged, rather than just going through the motions?
4. Read **1 Timothy 2:1-3**. Most of us spend the bulk of our prayer time on ourselves and our immediate circle. What are the most common excuses Christians make for not praying more broadly for others?
5. Read **Colossians 4:3-6**. Paul prays for open doors, clear proclamation, and wise, gracious witness toward outsiders. Why should we all be motivated to pray for gospel advancement, clarity, and skill in sharing Christ?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 05-58 – **Three Poignant Questions About Your Prayer Life**
Msg. 06-65 – **The Basic Attitudinal Approach to Prayer**
Msg. 10-18 – **Praying Through the Pain**
Msg. 99-43 – **What to Do When God Makes You Wait**
Msg. 11-29 – **Prayerfully Reliant**
Msg. 11-16 – **How to Pray and Making Sure We Do**
Msg. 15-15 – 15-20 – **Christ's School of Prayer** (a six-part series on prayer)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

June 14th.....Ezra 6-8 & Jn.21
June 15th.....Ezra 9-10 & Ac.1
June 16th.....Neh.1-3 & Ac.2:1-13
June 17th.....Neh.4-6 & Ac.2:14-47
June 18th.....Neh.7-8 & Ac.3
June 19th.....Neh.9-11 & Ac.4:1-22
June 20th.....Neh.12-13 & Ac.4:23-37
June 21st.....Esth.1-3 & Ac.5:1-16

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alexander, Eric J. **Prayer: A Biblical Perspective**. Banner of Truth, 2012.
Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.
Bunyan, John. **Prayer**. Waymark Books, 2011.
Hiebert, Edmond D. **Working With God Through Intercessory Prayer**. BJU Press, 1991.
Ironside, H. A. **Praying in the Holy Spirit**. Loizeaux Brothers, 1946.
Pink, Arthur W. **Gleanings from Paul: Studies in the Prayers of the Apostle**. Prisbrary Publishing, 2012.
Rosscup, James E. **An Exposition on Prayer in the Bible**. AMG Publishers, 2011.
Ryle, J. C. **A Call to Prayer**. Audubon Press, 2002.
Sproul, R. C. **Does Prayer Change Things?** Reformation Trust Publishing, 1998.
Spurgeon, C. H. **The Power of Prayer in a Believer's Life**. Emerald Books, 1996.
Thomas, W. H. Griffith. **Life Abiding and Abounding: Bible Studies in Prayer and Meditation**. Forgotten Books, 2012.
Torrey, R. A. **The Power of Prayer & the Prayer of Power**. Zondervan, 1987.
Wiersbe, Warren W. **Prayer: Basic Training**. Tyndale House Publishers, 1988.