

# What Happens *When* The Church Prays

## Teach Us To Pray – final week (11)

Luke 18:1-8

### What Prayer I\_\_\_

Prayer for one thing is going beyond the veil. (Mt 27:50,51)

So brothers and sisters, we are completely free to enter the Most Holy Place without fear because of the blood of Jesus death. We can enter through a new and living way that Jesus opened for us. It leads through the curtain – Christ’s body... - Heb 10:19,20 (NCV)

Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God’s presence, assured of his glad welcome. – Eph 3:12 (NLT)

What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way our Lord is near us whenever we pray to him... - Dt 4:7

### What Prayer C\_\_\_ D\_\_\_

Prayer can do A\_\_\_\_\_ that G\_\_\_\_\_ can do

Gen 18:14; Nu 11:23; 2 Kings 3:18; Jeremiah 32:7; Luke 1:37; Matthew 19:26

James 4:4; Mt 7:7,8

History belongs to the intercessors, those who B\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_ the F\_\_\_\_\_ into being. - Walter Wink

When we work, we work; but when we pray, G\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_. His S\_\_\_\_\_ strength is available to praying people who are C\_\_\_\_\_ to the core of their being that HE can make a D\_\_\_\_\_.” – Bill Hybels

### What H\_\_\_\_\_ ‘W\_\_\_\_\_’ The Church Prays

What is the church supposed to pray when she prays? The L\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer

Why did we use the words ‘when’ the church prays?

Because the church D\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_ not always pray. Why?

- s\_\_\_\_\_
- M\_\_\_\_\_ of the purpose of prayer
- N\_\_\_\_\_ sure W\_\_\_\_\_ to pray

What I want to do in our brief time left this morning is share with you 6 things that happen when the church prays. And all 6 of these things are found in the book of Acts, which in a way could be called the power of a praying church.

**We Become U\_\_\_\_\_!**

**We U\_\_\_\_\_ The P\_\_\_\_\_ Of God!**

**We R\_\_\_\_\_ Divine G\_\_\_\_\_!**

**The W\_\_\_\_\_ Comes A\_\_\_\_\_!**

**P\_\_\_\_\_ Get S\_\_\_\_\_!**

**We P\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_!**

## Talking Points

1. What point was the main point that Jesus was trying to make in the parable He told in Luke 18:1-8.
2. In Acts chapter 4:23-31 we find the first recorded prayer of the early church. Take a few minutes to read and reflect on that prayer. Is there anything in this prayer that you feel is speaking to you? Does anything convict you? Have you ever prayed for boldness?
3. What if anything strikes you about the quotes by Walter Wink and Bill Hybels?
4. In the book of Acts we saw 6 things that happen when a church prays. Which of these things have you personally experienced in churches you have attended?