

A Life of Prayer! I

Colossians 4:2-4

^{NKJ} *Colossians 4:2* Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; ³ meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, ⁴ that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

^{NLT} *Colossians 4:2* Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. ³ Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. ⁴ Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should.

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Prayer is...

1. **Communion** with God *II Corinthians 13:14*
2. **Confession** to God *1 John 1:9*
3. **Intimacy** with God *John 17:21*
4. **Intercession** before God *Romans 8:26-27*
5. **Petitions** requested from God *1 John 5:15*
6. **Gratitude** towards God *Colossians 4:2*
7. **Meditation** because of God *Psalms 5:1, 104:34*

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Prayer is the **strength** of the believer's fellowship with the Lord.

Prayer is the **source** of the believer's power against Satan and his angels. *Ephesians 6:18*

Prayer is the believer's calling on their sympathetic High Priest. *Hebrews 4:15-16*

The New Testament teaches us to...

- Pray at all times_ *Luke 18:1*
- Pray without ceasing_ *1Thessalonians 5:17*
- Be devoted to prayer *Romans 12:12*

Prayer is a privilege.

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