

Prayers of the Early Church
Acts 1:4-14 (Selected passages in Acts)

God acts in response to His people's prayers.

A church that prays together in harmony and agreement with the WORD of God can fully expect God to work.

- They received a promise from the Lord. (v. 4)
- They received power from the Lord. (v. 8)
- They were all continually united in prayer. (v. 12-14)

What did they ask for?

1. They asked for Bigwigs (Leaders and Laborers).
Acts 1:15-26; Acts 6:1-7.

When we pray in accordance with God's Will and His mission, He will provide the leaders and the laborers.

2. They asked for Breakthroughs.
Acts 13:1-3; Acts 22:6-17.
- An act or instance of moving through or beyond an obstacle.

When we pray in accordance with God's Will and His Mission, He will guide us in the strategies to breakthrough and reach our community.

3. They asked for Boldness.
Acts 4:1-37; Acts 16:25-34.

When we pray in accordance with God's Will and His Mission, He will give us courage to speak boldly about Jesus and give us peace and joy when persecuted or ridiculed.

4. They asked for Blessings.
Acts 8:14-17; Acts 9:36-43; Acts 12:6-19; Acts 28:7-10.

When we pray in accordance with God's Will and His Mission, we can and should ask God for a miracle that would lead many to believe in the Lord and bring a revival to our community.

1. How would you describe our church's prayer ministry?
2. What would a thriving, healthy prayer ministry look like?
3. What changes are necessary for our church to experience the power of prayer?