

# PRAYER IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

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The book of Acts is, in many ways a blue print of how to "do church." Prayer is an excellent example. Prayer is mentioned in one form or another 10 times in Matthew, 12 times in Mark, and 5 times in John. But Luke mentions it 19 times in his gospel and 32 times in Acts. Look up the following Scripture passages and see if they don't give you some practical guidelines for prayer.

- I. What happened after the church prayed?
  1. Pentecost (1:14)
  2. Earthquake and Evangelism (4:31; 16:25)
  3. Resuscitation (9:40)
  4. Miraculous Release (12:5)
  5. Healing (28:8)
  
- II. What did the church pray for?
  1. Its leaders (1:24; 6:6; 14:23\*)
  2. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit (8:15)
  3. Sinners to Repent (8:24; 26:29)
  4. Missions (13:3\*)
  5. Physical safety (27:29)
  6. Healing (9:40; 28:8)
  
- III. When did the church pray?
  1. In times of Crisis (7:59; 12:5, 12; 16:25)
  2. When making decisions or establishing leaders (1:24; 6:6; 14:23)
  3. When repenting (8:22; 9:11\*)
  4. When saying "Goodbye" (20:36; 21:5)
  
- IV. The church prayed habitually:
  1. The whole church (2:42)
  2. The Apostles (1:14; 6:4) & Leadership (13:3\*)
  3. Peter (3:1; 10:9; 11:5)
  4. Paul (22:17)
  5. Cornelius (10:2, 4, 30–31)
  6. Jewish Women (16:13, 16)
  7. Actual prayers (1:24–25; 4:24–31)

\* Accompanied by fasting