

Sermon Title: A Call To Prayer

The passage consists of two parts:

- Part 1: The Call to Prayer
- Part 2: Reasons to Answer the Call

Part 1: The Call to Prayer

We are called to pray for all kinds of things for all kinds of people (vv. 1-2)

- Our prayers should not exclude anyone
- We should pray in more than one way

Part 2: Reasons to Pray

We are called to pray because:

1. It changes us (vv. 2, 8)
2. It pleases God (3)
3. There is only one God and mediator (4, 5)

Encouragement to Pray:

- Prayer is used by God to show you His care (1 Peter 5:7)
- Prayer is an act of humility (1 Peter 5:6-7)
- Prayer IS spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:17-18)
- Prayer strengthens missionaries and evangelists in hard places (Ephesians 6:19-20)
- The Bible tells us how to pray (Lord's prayer, Paul's prayers, the Psalms)
- The Spirit intercedes for us when we don't know what to pray (Romans 8:26)
- We should pray about all kinds of things (Philippians 4:6)
- Prayer brings peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7)
- Your prayers can be hindered by sin/lack of self-control (1 Peter 4:7)
- The prayers of persecuted saints are heard by God and will result in God pouring out his wrath on their persecutors at the final judgment (Revelation 8:3)
- Prayer creates opportunity for evangelism where it could not happen before (Colossians 4:3)
- God delivers his people from evil and wicked men through prayer (2 Thessalonians 3:2)
- No one is too good for prayer (1 Timothy 2:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:25)
- Prayer heals the sick (James 5:13)
- When it doesn't heal it opens your eyes to the sufficiency of God's grace (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- Anyone can pray (Luke 18:13)
- Opens our eyes to the truth of the Scriptures (Ephesians 1:18)
- Opens our eyes to our hope (Ephesians 1:18)

- Opens our eyes to God's love for you as a treasured child (Ephesians 1:18)
- Opens eyes to his power at work in the church (Ephesians 1:19)
- Opens our eyes to how Christ dwells in our hearts through faith (Ephesians 3:17)
- Roots and grounds us in love (Ephesians 3:17)
- Gives strength to comprehend the length breadth, height of God's love that surpasses knowledge (Ephesians 3:18-19)