

# The Power of Our Faith - Week 4 - The Power of Prayer

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5/7 - 5/13/23

S.O.A.P.

*Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:13-16*

1. Making prayer a priority in our lives changes everything. What would need to change in your life to make prayer a priority?
2. How would your life be different if you were to pray first, before **everything** you do?
3. Can you think of a time where your heart was changed because you chose to pray? (For example: Perhaps your heart was softened to a situation or a person through prayer?)
4. Jon reminded us of the model, or plan, for prayer through the Lord's Prayer recorded in Matthew 6:8-13:

For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, **(Respect and Intimacy)**

Hallowed be Your name. **(Start with Worship)**

Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as *it is* in heaven. **(Father's Agenda First)**

Give us this day our daily bread. **(Depend on Him for Everything)**

And forgive us our debts, **(Get Your Heart Right)**

As we forgive our debtors. **(Get Your Relationships Right)**

And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. **(Your Everyday Battles)**

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. **(Prayer is a Catalyst for Your Faith)**

How would your prayer life change if you modeled your prayers like this?