

## Is corporate prayer important?

Corporate prayer **is an important part of the life of the church**, along with worship, sound doctrine, communion, and fellowship. The early church met regularly to learn the doctrine of the apostles, break bread, and pray together ([Acts 2:42](#)).

[Acts 2:42 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>42</sup> They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

When we pray together with other believers, the effects can be very positive. Corporate prayer **edifies** and **unifies** us as we share our common faith. The same Holy Spirit who dwells within each believer causes our hearts to rejoice as we hear praises to our Lord and Savior, **knitting us together in a unique bond of fellowship found nowhere else in life**.

To those who may be alone and struggling with life's burdens, hearing others lift them up to the throne of grace can be a great encouragement. It also **builds** in us **love** and **concern** for others as we intercede for them. At the same time, corporate prayer **will only be a reflection of the hearts of the individuals who participate**. We are to come to God in humility ([James 4:10](#)),

[James 4:10 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>10</sup> **Humble yourselves** in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

truth

([Psalm 145:18](#)),

[Psalm 145:18 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him **in truth**.

and obedience ([1 John 3:21-22](#)),

[1 John 3:21-22 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

<sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from Him, **because we keep His commandments and do the things** that are pleasing in His sight.

with thanksgiving ([Philippians 4:6](#))

[Philippians 4:6 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.

and confidence ([Hebrews 4:16](#)).

[Hebrews 4:16 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>16</sup> Therefore let us draw near **with confidence** to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.