

# Prayer

In our last meeting of the Taft to Eisenhower group, the focus was on prayer. How do you pray in your daily routine? Do you sometimes let the day go by and just don't get around to it?

Prayer is such an important part of our spiritual well-being we just can't neglect it. I

Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us to "pray without ceasing." When this becomes a routine of daily living we are developing a habit which helps strengthen us and bring us closer to our God.

Verse 18 says, "In everything give thanks: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We must always be on our guard not to sin and in Matthew, we find these words: "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41). Our lives have become so busy with everyday living we don't seem to have time to do the things God has commanded of us, and praying is just one of them. The list of things we need to be praying for is endless.

What would we do without the power of prayer? Our prayer is a privilege and a command given to us by God. Even though He is all knowing and always near to us, we still need to talk with Him. He even tells us, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (in Matthew 7:7).

A promise was made that He will never forsake us. We need to keep that same promise from our side. Our daily prayers and continuing to keep His commandments will help us to keep our promise to Him. Don't Forget to PRAY.

For the elders,  
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