

Series: PRAY FIRST
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If you haven't already, read pages 1-2 of the Prayer First Guide to get started. AND go to <https://www.cornwallchurch.com/> to see more resources. Take advantage of the Prayer Wall as well.

1. Read Acts 2:42. It's one of the earliest snapshots of the first-century church. They had a reputation for prayer. What distinguishes someone like a mom, a student, an athlete or a church as devoted? What do they do that others don't? What would a church that's devoted to prayer be like?
2. Read Colossians 4:2 and Romans 12:12. It's apparent here that being devoted to prayer isn't assumed to always happen. What causes devotion to fade away? What two things does Paul invite us to do in Colossians 4:2? Give some examples of what that might look like.
3. Looking at Ephesians 6:18 the tiny word "all" keeps popping up. This verse gives us some practical ways to show our level of devotion. Praying...
 - a. On **all** occasions
 - b. With **all** kinds of prayers and requests
 - c. For **all** the saints.How would you rate yourself using the "all" factor?
 - a. Praying on all/some/few occasions? Not all day but on all occasions.
 - b. Offering praise, thanks, confessing, listening, praying for others.
 - c. Being inclusive, praying not just for the people you love but for those experiencing persecution, people in other churches, etc.
4. Look at 1 Timothy 4:1-2. If you've ever been in a Church of England worship service, they begin the service praying for the Queen. Which do you think the American evangelical church is more known for today, criticizing leaders or praying for them? Consider taking some time in your group to pray for our leaders for wisdom, courage to do the right thing and the heart to honor God.
5. Why would we say Paul got off track with his prayer in Ephesians 1 only to get back to praying for his friends in chapter 3? Do you get off track easily and what do you do to get back on?
6. If you only had Ephesians 1:17- 18 to guide you, why would we say prayer is important?
7. If you were asked how to get beyond just, "Bless 'em" Lord, what would you suggest?