

**Sunday, July 25, 2026**

**Why We Should Commit to a Healthy, Growing Prayer Life  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**

**Scripture passage: Matthew 6:25-34**

**1. Because prayer is so \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, <sup>2</sup> saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. <sup>3</sup> There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'" <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge <sup>7</sup> said; <sup>7</sup> now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"*

Luke 18:1-8

**2. Because prayer is used by God in our \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."*

Philippians 2:13

**3. Because prayer is a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ God uses for His ultimate purpose.**

*"Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at His word:  
"Your brothers who hate you, who exclude you for My name's sake,  
Have said, 'Let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy.'  
But they will be put to shame."*

Isaiah 66:5

*"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; <sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body."*

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

**Applying the Word:**

- **Repent of prayerlessness.**
- **See the connection between our prayer life and our progress as Christians.**
- **Resolve to grow to be more faithful, praying people.**
- **Give thanks to God for His Divine Initiative in saving and sustaining us.**