

IGNITING PRAYER'S PASSION & POWER IN US

THE CALL TO PRAYER!



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- ❖ Our response to prayer's call must not simply be an emotional decision.
- ❖ Our response to prayer's call must also be more than a planned activity.



- ✦ List several reasons why we need a meaningful prayer life.
- ✦ Was there a particular event that turned your attention to the need for prayer? If so, what?



- Give biblical instances when people felt a greater need for prayer.
- To get you started, consider the following text:
(Philippians 4:6) (Luke 18:1) (1 Samuel 1: 10) (2 Kings 20:1,2)



💡 Consider ways to make prayer a more meaningful part of your life; list them.



- ❖ In Chapter One a prayer life is compared to the care of a garden.
- ❖ Using your own imagination, create a comparison of your own.
(**Hint:** While making your comparisons, use liberal doses of scripture!)



Carving out the time to pray is no easy chore. Such a commitment is easy to make but more difficult to do. To assist those willing to make this commitment, a table is provided.

Personal Monthly Prayer Chart
(Number of minutes spent in prayer each day)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Totals for the Week

(Note: This chart is not for the purpose of accumulating minutes for personal glory or bragging rights. It is simply a way of tracking your prayer life. Furthermore, after prayer becomes a habit, you may no longer need the table.)



- ✦ We can transform routine parts of our day into monumental times of prayer.
- ✦ Compile a list of activities that have become routine in your average day.
- ✦ As you examine the list, see if you can transform some of those activities into a time of prayer.

Activity	# of min	Activity	# of min
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
7.		8.	
9.		10.	
11.		12.	
13.		14.	



In “*Meditation: Boredom, Bedlam, or Beneficial*”, courting is used to draw a parallel between loving words to sweethearts, and loving words between believers and God.

List ways that you can address God in a loving way.

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.
11.	12.
13.	14.



List ways in which God is addressed lovingly in scripture.

Hint: consider the Psalms; here are a few to get you started:

- Psalm 8
- Psalm 9
- Psalm 18
- Psalm 34
- Psalm 42

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.
11.	12.
13.	14.



Group prayer, stresses the importance of prayer between husband and wife.
Identify couples that can benefit from the group prayer concept.

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.
11.	12.
13.	14.



- ✦ Reflect on your renewed or newly developed concern for prayer. (Psalm 5:3)
- ✦ With scripture as a guide, consider how we feel when opportunities are lost because of our lack of prayer. (Mark 9:18)
- ✦ Contemplate the value of married couple's prayer. (Colossians 3:19)
- ✦ Consider ways we can inspire others to pray more. (Psalm 34:3)
- ✦ Reflect on reasons why Christians don't utilize prayer more. (James 4:2,3)



- ❖ Why is prayer so difficult to start and sustain?
- ❖ Have you expanded your personal definition of prayer?
- ❖ Is prayer's simplicity its problem?
- ❖ What are other ways in which the church can inspire couple to pray?
- ❖ How are meditation and prayer related?
- ❖ Can prayer become boring? Why?



Notes:
