



Sermon Excerpts:
“The Currency of Truth About Prayer”
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Currency of Truth: The ability to articulate individually and corporately the global and wholistic truth, both internally—the experiences of different individuals and groups within the church or ministry—and externally—the experiences of different individuals and groups in the community, the neighborhood, the city or town, the nation, and the earth.

Prayer is the loving and lamenting communication of the human soul with God who created the soul. Prayer is the primary way for the believer in Jesus Christ to communicate their emotions and desires with God and to fellowship with God. Through prayer we may find strength of spirit, guidance, wisdom, joy, and inner peace Prayer may be long or short, alone or in a group, silent or aloud, but it should be a true communication with God.

Prayer of Worship and Adoration are words that acknowledge and glorify who God is. It is a remembering our Almighty God and God’s power and might. It is a praise of God’s attributes—love, goodness, mercy, and grace. It magnifies God’s being, majesty and name.

Prayer of Supplication are requests that God will do something for us, that God will meet our desires and needs. When we start our prayer remembering all that God has done for us according to God’s will.

Prayer of Intercession means to intervene on someone's behalf. It's easy to pray for ourselves and our needs, but we should also spend time praying for others and situations outside of ourselves. It is a reminder of our fellowship and union with other believers. When our brothers and sisters in Christ are in need, we can lift them up to God.

Prayer of Faith is a surrendering prayer of trust, most often in times when we are at our weakest. It is a prayer of dependence and submission, believing our God is sovereign and good. It is also a resting prayer of faith and trust, often when we do not even know what to ask or have not the words to speak.

Prayer of Healing is usually spoken when we seek restoration for our physical bodies, spiritual wholeness, or emotional wounds.

Corporate Prayer is when we gather as believers and pray together. During this time of prayer, the congregation could be praying for healing, intercession, or any other type of prayer. While corporate prayer does not promise any greater blessing, it does please God for in and through our praying together comes a strength in unity in Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving reminds us about God's goodness that makes our lives more comfortable and pleasurable. It is receiving God's gifts and giving thanks for God's love and

Acts 12:1-12 *"About that time King Herod violently attacked some who belonged to the church, and he executed James, John's brother, with the sword. When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter too, during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After the arrest, he put him in prison and assigned four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. So, Peter was kept in prison, but the church was praying fervently to God for him. When Herod was about to bring him out for trial, that very night Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while the sentries in front of the door guarded the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. Striking Peter on the side, he woke him up and said, "Quick, get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists. "Get dressed," the angel told him, "And put on your sandals." And he did. "Wrap your cloak around you," he told him, "And follow me." So, he went out and followed, and he did not know that what the angel did was really happening, but he thought he was seeing a vision. After they passed the first and second guards, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened to them by itself. They went outside and passed one street, and suddenly the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's grasp and*

from all that the Jewish people expected.” As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was called Mark, where many had assembled and were praying.”

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There are times in life that we will be in the category of Peter, life is happening and what we hoped and wished and prayer for and sometimes better happens...