



## **CHURCH@HOME OCTOBER 2016**

### **CONCEPTS OF PRAYER (III)**

LORD; TEACH US HOW TO PRAY:

*(Luk 11:1) And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, **Lord, teach us to pray**, as John also taught his disciples.*

*AMP Then He was praying in a certain place; and when He stopped, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, [just] as John taught his disciple*

**READ: Luk 2:21-38, 2 Ki. 4:8-17, 2 Ki. 19:1-3**

PRAYER IS A DIVINE APPOINTMENT:

- It is the most important appointment between God and man.
- If you miss the important appointment of prayer, you will miss many other God-ordained appointments for your life.
- Set a place, time and agenda to pray on a daily basis. Luk 11:1, Mk 1:35, Mk 6:46, Mk 9:1-5, Luk 22:39-46. Acts 2:1-4, Acts 12:1-13.
- The appointment of prayer will save you from many emergencies.
- God urges us to pray always. (1Th 5:17, Eph 6:18)

ESTEEM PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

- Esteeming praying for other people above your own personal needs puts you in a place where God takes care of your own needs. (2 Ki. 4:8-17, 2 Ki. 20:1-6, Job 42:10)

PRAY AGAINST THE DAY OF TROUBLE: Luk 2:21-38, 2 Ki. 19:1-3, Eph 6:18

- Many believers don't pray until trouble comes.
- Prayer raises up a standard to overcome and defeat the plans of the enemy.
- God delivers us from the onslaughts of the enemy in the place of prayer.
- Prayer undergirds us and prepares us for the day of trouble.
- Don't wait till there is trouble before praying. God is not an "emergency" God.

PRAYER SHOULD BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE AND THE DIRECTIVES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Eph 6:18 & 19 AMP.

- Pay attention to the directives of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit prompts you to stop and pray, just stop whatever you are doing and pray.
- Your prayer life puts you in position to interact with heaven.
- The greatest investment you can make in any life is prayer.

**SUGGESTED DISCUSSIONS:**

1. *What is the importance of prayer in a believer's life?*
2. *What is the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer?*
3. *Why do we miss God? Give reasons.*