



*So You Want to Do Church
God's Plan for His People*

Luke 11:1-13

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VIII. Prayer: Essential to Healthy Church Life

A. Critical to relationship with the Father of the family (Luke 11:1-13)

- 1. He wants to be addressed as Father (v.2)*
- 2. Focus on showing preference to the Father (v.2)*
- 3. Focus on depending on the Father (v.3-10)*
- 4. Enjoy the security of a loving Father (v.11-13)*

B. Critical to fulfilling our mission (Col 4:2-4)

- 1. Recognize the privilege to represent and pray (v.2)*
- 2. Pray for an open door to share the message (v.3)*
- 3. Pray for skill to share the message with clarity (v.4)*

C. Critical to fighting the battles of life (Luke 18: 1-8)

- 1. Refuse to accept the results of the fallenness of the world (v.1-3)*
- 2. Refuse to quit praying in the midst of the battles of life (v.4-8)*

D. Suggested practices (Eph 6:18)

- 1. Prayer as first thought: conversation with God*
- 2. Prayer at marked times*
- 3. Prayer lists: to manage the load*