

The Holy Spirit and Prayer

*Acts 4:23-31*

A. The Reason for Prayer v23

* Prayer is spiritual communication with God, most often based upon Need
* We need God’s help Constantly
* Prayer should be our first Response, rather than our last Resort

B. The Content of Prayer v24b-28, 29-30

* Prayer is spiritual communication with God, expressing our greatest Vulnerabilities to a Trustworthy God
* Prayer typically has two components: Praise and Petition
* Are you living in Anxiety or Peace? Philippians 4:6-7

C. The Context of Prayer v24a

* Prayer is spiritual communication with God, available Any Time and Any Place
* Prayer typically has two contexts: Individual prayer and Group prayer
* Overwhelming majority of prayers recorded in Acts are Group prayers
* God is All-Powerful and there is Power in Unity; Matthew 18:20; Ecc 4:12

D. The Outcome of Prayer v31

* Prayer is spiritual communication with God, with the Spirit’s Help and Reward
* Not only was their prayer Spirit-Assisted, the response was Spirit-Empowered
* Paul encourages us to pray with both our Mind and our Spirit;  
  1 Corinthians 14:13-15
* They were Spirit-Filled and Spirit-Led; v29

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