

# TALK IT OVER

Prayer

## BOTTOM LINE

Prayer must be our first thought rather than an afterthought.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

What animal at the zoo do you most enjoy watching?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](https://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [Prayer](#) - 44 seconds with Craig Groeschel

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. Acts 1:14 NIV*

*We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word. Acts 6:3b-4 NIV*

*Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:29-31 NIV*

"When the church loses its purpose, it loses its influence."  
– Dwight Mason

"How do you know when a church is losing its purpose? Its prayers. How it prays and what it prays for." – Dave VanDonge

"Being specific grows our dependence. Many of us refuse to be precise in our prayers. Specific prayer sets us up to be disappointed or dazzled by God." – Dave VanDonge

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The worst-kept secret is that most Christians don't really like prayer. How does this statement represent or not represent your current thoughts? Why do you think one wouldn't like prayer? The power of prayer is in its purpose. The content of your prayers reveals the maturity of your faith. Discuss. What kind of prayers show immaturity? How does prayer on purpose grow dependence on God? How have you experienced it? Do you find yourself afraid to be specific in prayer? Prayer invites God into the details of our lives. Prayer involves us deeply in the operations of God. Illustrate the prayers you do or can pray this way. The aim of prayer is not to inform God on what I think should be done but rather to get me in on what God is doing. How can I overcome my tendency to do otherwise? Prayer begins by asking God what He wants before declaring what I want. How much of a shift is that for you? Describe a Kingdom prayer you pray regularly, or one that you know you need to pray consistently. Talk about this question: If God said yes to all your prayers, whose Kingdom would benefit most – yours or His?

## ACTION STEP

I will actively participate in the 21 Days of Prayer and learn to pray Kingdom prayers. I will specifically pray for \_\_\_\_\_ to come to Jesus.