

# ***Pray with Confidence***

Sunday September 24, 2023  
Series: Time to Pray!

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Exodus 33:15 ESV*

## **My Prayer Practice Enlists God’s Blessing on Our Church!**

### **Pray For....**

#### **1. The P \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul**

*“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”  
1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV*

#### **What does it mean to be..**

**Steadfast**— \_\_\_\_\_, not subject to change or variation; especially in behavior.  
*“if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.”  
Colossians 1:23 ESV*

**Immovable**— not able or intended to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 27:41)

**Abounding**— to be \_\_\_\_\_ or plentiful; exist in large quantities.  
*“So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.”  
1 Corinthians 14:12 ESV*

Righteousness (Matthew 5:20)    Giving (Luke 21:4; 2 Corinthians 8:2,7, 9:8,12)    Suffering for Christ (2 Corinthians 1:5)  
Avoid Possessions (Luke 12:15)    Thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 4:15)    Love (Philippians 1:9)

#### **What was Paul’s secret? (Ephesians 6:10-11)**

*“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”  
Ephesians 6:18 ESV*

*“and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”  
Ephesians 6:19–20 ESV*

#### **What holds me back? \_\_\_\_\_**

*“And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.”  
Numbers 13:27–28 ESV*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Moses (Exodus 13:17-18)

*“I will send an angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”*

*Exodus 33:2–3 ESV*

*“And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.”*

*Exodus 33:15 ESV*

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Neighbor (Luke 11:5-7)

**Definition:** - Fearless daring; A willingness to take surprising bold risks.

*“I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.”*

*Luke 11:8 ESV*

*“And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?”*

*Luke 11:9–12 ESV*

*“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

*Luke 11:13 ESV*

## 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:3-4)

*“And I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants,”*

*Nehemiah 1:5–6A ESV*

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