

# When God's People Pray

*Our Relationship with the Holy Spirit*

**Mother's Day Message**

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**<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem. . . <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went up to the upstairs room where they were staying. . . <sup>14</sup>All these were continually devoting themselves with one mind to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. Acts 1:12-14 (NASB)**

**Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2 (NIV)**

## 1. Adversity births prayer.

*In my distress I called to the LORD, and He answered me. Psalm 120:1 (ESV)*

*"You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance"*  
Psalm 32:7 (NIV)

## 2. Prayer is meaningless without the Holy Spirit.

*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13 (NIV)*

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. Romans 8:14 (NLT)*

## 3. Read the Word, Pray the Word.

*Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wondrous things from your instruction. Psalm 119:18 (NASB)*

*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)*

## 4. God hears our prayers.

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 1 John 5:14 (NIV)*

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)*