

Making progress in praying for the small group

'When you get to heaven and realise all that prayer did on this earth, you will be ashamed that you prayed so poorly'
William E Sangster

The priority of prayer

Often we **don't** pray

Why do we often pray so much less than we know we should?

- Warped view of _____ reflects a warped view of _____

Of course we **should** pray

- What we know about _____ and his _____ (Psalm 145:14–16, Matthew 6:8–13, 1 Corinthians 3:6–9)
- What we know about God's _____ and how prayer _____ (John 14:12–14, 15:7–8, Acts 6:4)

The practice of prayer

In our good moments, what have we found helps us to pray for 'our' small group?

'...we have not ceased to pray for you...that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...' Colossians 1:9–10 ESVUK

Pray for _____

to result in _____

Praying for times in God's word

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Praying for individuals in the group

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James 5:16

Write a prayer asking the Lord to help you pray for 'your' group...

Our Father...

'The great intercessors remain men and women of secret influence in all communities. To be mentioned in their prayers is incomparably more enriching than to be mentioned in their wills!' William E Sangster