



## **Week #3: Pray For Our Church**

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Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

### **How to Pray for Our Church:**

- **Pray that we would make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the priority. (v 42)**
- **Pray that we would see \_\_\_\_\_. (v 43)**
- **Pray that we would \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another. (v 44-45)**
- **Pray that we would \_\_\_\_\_ faithfully and \_\_\_\_\_ regularly. (v 46)**
- **Pray that we would help more people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. (v 47)**

**Discussion questions:**

1. As we remember the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King this weekend, in what ways can you foster peace, justice, and equality in your sphere of influence at home, at work or school, at our church, and in our community?
2. Acts 2:42-47 shows us that the early church embodied Jesus' command to love one another through shared worship, sacrificial generosity, and steadfast prayer. What of these practices is the Holy Spirit inviting you to regularly engage in? What keeps you from taking that invitation?
3. Who in your life can you help find and follow Jesus? Would you pray for that person this week?

**Recommended resources:**

[Prayer and Resource Guide in Our Church App](#)

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[How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People](#) by Pete Greig

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- Pray that we would make scripture and prayer the priority. (v 42)
- Pray that we would see miracles. (v 43)
- Pray that we would love and serve one another. (v 44-45)
- Pray that we would worship faithfully and connect regularly. (v 46)
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