

**Series: ‘Marks of a Healthy Church’**  
**Sermon #11: ‘Corporate Prayer’**  
**(Selected Scriptures)**

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God’s grace in the gospel—His good pleasure to save, sanctify and one day glorify His people—is a community project. Since the local church is made up of individual Christians who have been brought together to be in covenant with each other, then it follows that our prayer lives as believers is primarily enjoyed in community—in the company of brothers and sisters in Christ.

One of the most normal things in the life of a healthy church is taking time off from our busy schedules to pray together.

**5 benefits we gain when we pray together:**

1. Corporate prayer means **worshiping God *together***
2. Corporate prayer increases **awareness** as a local church **of our ongoing and total dependence on God**
3. In the sovereign providence of God, **corporate prayer causes things to happen that wouldn’t happen otherwise**
4. Corporate prayer **empowers us for fruitful ministry and mission**
5. Corporate prayer **helps us learn and grow in our own prayers**

**Conclusion:** Our prayers as a local church family should prepare us for heaven; that’s because to be with Jesus face to face one day will be marked by collective prayer. There is coming a day when our words will continually overflow with praise and honor for Jesus—and that for all eternity! If this is where the future of the church is moving towards then it only makes sense **we prioritize praying together now!**

**You’re invited to join your church family for corporate prayer:**

- **Men: every Friday morning (7-8am) in the foyer of the church**
- **‘Pre-Service Prayer’: every Sunday @ 9:45am (downstairs)**
- **‘All-Church Prayer Gathering’: every last Tuesday evening of the month (7-8pm) in the foyer of the church (Next gathering: Tuesday, May 28, 2024)**