



WEEKLY CHALLENGE: DON'T JUST PRAY FOR SOMEONE — PRAY WITH SOMEONE

Choose **two or three people** and intentionally gather to pray this week. Don't make it complicated. Gather around three simple Kingdom prayers: “Lord, what do You want to **BIRTH** among us?” “Lord, where do You want to bring greater **UNITY** among us?” “Lord, what impossible situation needs **HEAVEN'S RESOURCES**?” Then pray together and believe together. **GATHER — TOGETHER IN PRAYER: Gathering in Prayer BIRTHS MOVEMENTS — Acts 1:14, Gathering in Prayer BRINGS UNITY — Acts 2:42, Gathering in Prayer BUDGES HEAVEN — Matthew 18:19–20**

There are things God does in us when we pray alone, and there are things God does among us when we pray together. PRAYER FUELS THE MISSION.

MONDAY — BEFORE THE MOVEMENT CAME THE PRAYER MEETING — Gathering in Prayer Births Movements: Acts 1:12–14

Reflection: Acts begins with a group of believers waiting and praying together. They had received the Great Commission, but Jesus told them not to rush ahead. They needed the power of the Holy Spirit. So they gathered. They waited. They prayed. And they prayed **together**. Before Acts 2 brought thousands of converts, Acts 1 brought believers together in prayer. We often want the results of Acts 2 without the prayer meeting of Acts 1. The early church teaches us an important Kingdom principle: **Movements of God are often born in gatherings of prayer.** Before asking God to do something **through us**, perhaps we need to gather and allow Him to do something **among us**.

Journaling Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus had the disciples wait and pray before sending them out?
2. Am I more comfortable working for God than waiting upon God?
3. What movement of God am I longing to see in my family, church, or community? What would happen if we committed to praying together for that movement?

Prayer Prompt: *Father, give us a hunger to gather in prayer. Before we run ahead with our plans, teach us to wait upon You. Fill us with Your Spirit and prepare us for what You want to do. Birth something among us that can only be explained by Your presence and power. Amen.*

TUESDAY — PRAYING UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS — Gathering in Prayer Births Movements: Acts 1:14; Acts 2:1–4

Reflection: Acts 1:14 says they prayed “**constantly**.” This wasn't a quick prayer added to the end of a meeting. Prayer **was the meeting**. Then Acts 2 begins: “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.” The Holy Spirit came upon a people who had positioned themselves together before God. Prayer didn't manipulate God into moving. God had already promised the Spirit. Their united prayer positioned them to **wait for, receive, and participate in what God had promised**. Sometimes the greatest challenge isn't believing that God can move. It's being willing to **keep praying until He does**.

Journaling Questions

1. Where have I become discouraged because an answer hasn't come quickly?
2. Is there something I have stopped praying about?
3. What promise or burden is God calling me to continue bringing before Him? Who could join me in consistently praying about it?

Prayer Prompt: *Lord, give me perseverance in prayer. Keep me from becoming discouraged when answers don't come quickly. Teach us as a church to seek You faithfully, wait upon You expectantly, and trust Your timing. Prepare us for whatever You desire to do among us. Amen.*

WEDNESDAY — THERE IS POWER IN TOGETHER — Gathering in Prayer Brings Unity: Acts 2:42–47

Reflection: The early believers didn't simply attend church together. **They shared life together.** They learned together. They ate together. They served together. And **they prayed together**. Something happens when individual believers become a unified body. Think about **synergy**: the combined effect is greater than what each part could accomplish independently. Or think about horsepower. One horse can pull a significant load, but a team working together can accomplish far more. That's a picture of the Church. We certainly need personal prayer, but Christianity was never designed to be lived in isolation. **My prayer becomes our prayer. My burden becomes our burden. My faith strengthens your faith. Your faith strengthens mine.** There is power in **together**.

Journaling Questions:

1. What keeps believers from praying openly and honestly together?

2. Have I treated prayer primarily as a private activity?
3. How has another believer's faith strengthened mine?
4. Where could I become more intentional about gathering with others to pray?

Prayer Prompt: *Father, make us one. Remove pride, division, competition, and isolation from among us. Teach us to carry one another's burdens and strengthen one another's faith. Build TMCC into a people who genuinely love gathering together in prayer. Amen.*

THURSDAY — UNITED HEARTS, UNITED PRAYERS – Gathering in Prayer Brings Unity: Matthew 18:19–20; Mark 11:24–25

Reflection: Unity isn't simply being in the same room. We can occupy the same space without sharing the same heart. Jesus connects agreement in prayer with gathering **"in My name."** Our unity isn't based on everyone having identical personalities, preferences, or opinions. **Jesus is our common center.** Mark 11 also connects prayer with forgiveness. That matters because bitterness and unforgiveness fracture relationships. If we want **united prayer**, we need **united hearts**. Gathering in Jesus' name means laying aside personal agendas and coming together around **His presence, His purposes, and His Kingdom.**

Journaling Questions

1. Is there a relationship where unforgiveness is hindering unity?
2. Am I willing to lay aside personal preferences for the greater mission of Jesus?
3. What does it mean for us to genuinely agree together in prayer? Where could God use me as an instrument of unity?

Prayer Prompt: *Jesus, make us one around You. Search my heart for bitterness, pride, unforgiveness, or selfish ambition. Help me forgive as You have forgiven me. Bring our hearts into agreement with Your heart so that we can pray together in unity. Amen.*

FRIDAY — PRAYER THAT BUDGES HEAVEN – Gathering in Prayer Budes Heaven: Matthew 18:19–20; 1 John 5:13–15

Reflection: Jesus gives an extraordinary promise about believers agreeing together in prayer. United prayer **budes heaven**—not because we overpower God's reluctance, but because we bring our prayers into agreement with **His will and His purposes.** First John gives us the foundation for that confidence: **When we pray according to God's will, He hears us.** Prayer isn't about getting heaven to endorse our agenda. It's about bringing earth into alignment with **heaven's agenda.** When God's people gather around His will, pray in Jesus' name, and seek His Kingdom together, we can pray with tremendous confidence. **United prayer connects our need with heaven's resources.**

Journaling Questions:

1. Do I pray with confidence that God truly hears me?
2. Are my prayers primarily centered on my desires or God's Kingdom purposes?
3. What seemingly impossible situation needs the resources of heaven?
4. Who could I ask to agree with me in prayer about it?

Prayer Prompt: *Father, teach us to pray according to Your will. Bring our hearts into agreement with Yours and with one another. We bring our impossible situations before You and ask You to release Your wisdom, provision, strength, healing, and power according to Your purposes. Amen.*

SATURDAY — ASK TOGETHER, BELIEVE TOGETHER – Gathering in Prayer Advances the Mission: John 16:23–24; Matthew 18:19–20; Acts 1:14

Reflection: The story of the early Church reminds us that prayer wasn't merely one of its ministries. **Prayer was part of its DNA.** They gathered in prayer before Pentecost. They gathered in prayer when they faced opposition. They gathered in prayer when leaders were sent. They gathered in prayer when circumstances seemed impossible. And God used a praying Church to change the world. What might happen if we rediscovered that kind of united prayer? What if instead of only saying, **"I'll pray for you,"** we said, **"Let's pray together right now?"** What if our homes, small groups, ministries, leadership gatherings, and worship services increasingly became places of prayer? **Gathered prayer births movements. Gathered prayer brings unity. Gathered prayer buds heaven.** Prayer isn't simply preparation for the mission. **Prayer fuels the mission.**

Journaling Questions

1. What has God shown me this week about the importance of praying with others?
2. Do I tend to talk about prayer more than I actually pray?
3. Who are two or three people I could begin regularly praying with?
4. What Kingdom burden should we begin bringing before God together?
5. What might God do through our church if united prayer became part of our DNA?

Prayer Prompt: *Father, make us a praying Church. Gather us around Your presence and purposes. Unite our hearts. Increase our faith. Teach us to pray bold, Kingdom-centered prayers together. Birth movements through our prayers, deepen our unity, and release heaven's resources so that Jesus is glorified and Your mission advances through us. Amen.*