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Power of the Praying Church
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Sermon Discussion Notes Celebration Church

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- **The Calling of the Church to Pray (2 Chronicles 7:14)**
 - Turning from your wicked ways may require you to sacrifice some things (Acts 19:18-19).
 - Jonathan Edwards on 2 Chronicles 7:14: “And if God does now loudly call upon us to repent, then he also calls upon us to make proper manifestation of our repentance.”
 - We must have hearts than have been tenderized through repentance and prayer.

- **When Should We Pray**
 - Pray always (Acts 12:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).
 - Pray when you are afflicted and in bondage (Exodus 3:7).
 - Pray even when it is socially unacceptable (Esther 4:16).
 - Pray in corporate gatherings (Nehemiah 8:5-6).
 - Pray during threats of war (Nehemiah 4:9).

- **How Should We Pray**
 - Pray in the Spirit (Zechariah 4:6; Romans 8:26).
 - Pray according to God’s word (Acts 2:40-47).
 - The works of the Apostles were continued (Acts 2:42).
 - Pray for power (Acts 4:23-33).
 - Corporate prayer produces signs and wonders (Acts 2:43, 4:31).
 - The word “boldness” is the Greek word *parrhesia* which means “free-flowing, unrestrained boldness” or “speaking truth into the ears of others.”
 - Corporate prayer produces unity and a desire to give (Acts 2:44-46, 4:32).
 - Prayer for spiritual leaders (Acts 12:1-25).
 - The church prayed without ceasing for Peter (Acts 12:5).
 - When you pray for your leaders, you will see their vision.