

How Prayer Shaped the Early Church / Teach Us to Pray
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- Today we celebrate the birth of the Church!--Pentecost (Acts 2)

How Did Prayer Shape the Early Church?

- Prayer Prepared the Church (Acts 1:14)
 - Jesus had risen, given them their mission, but told them to wait for the Spirit
 - Response: Prayer

- Prayer Was a Core Practice of the Church (Acts 2:42)
 - Holy Spirit filled them, 1000s were saved, the Church was launched
 - Response: Prayer

- Prayer Fueled Boldness and the Mission of the Church (Acts 4:29-31)
 - Persecution fell upon the church, leaders were arrested, the mission was at stake
 - Response: Prayer

- Prayer Guided the Church's Decisions (Acts 1:24, Acts 6:6, Acts 13:2-3, Acts 15:28)
 - Needed to find a new apostle, raise up leaders, send missionaries, resolve conflict
 - Response: Prayer

- Prayer Connected to Miracles and Wonders (Acts 3:1-10)
 - Sickness, brokenness, death, oppression, and needs still needed met
 - Response: Prayer

- Prayer Transformed the Church (Acts 16:25-36, Colossians 1:9-14)
 - Following Jesus cost everything--It required living a new life
 - Response: Prayer

- Let's Join the Church In Prayer Together
 - The Lord's Prayer