



FAMILY CHURCH WORSHIP PLAN

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

OIKOS EVANGELISM LIST

“... Pray, but ask God to open a door for us to preach, that we may tell the mystery of Christ...” [Colossians 4:3]

	NAME	RELATIONSHIP	METHOD OF CONDUCTION	SPIRITUAL LEVEL	NOTE
1					
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Level 1) able to commit Level 2) open to the Gospel Level 3) open to Evangelists

Level 4) knows about Christianity but is negative Level 5) don't know anything about Christianity

PRAYER FOR HOUSE CHURCH

“...If two of you agree about anything, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven” [Matthew 18:19]

	NAME	PRAYER REQUEST
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PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

1. For Pastor, Paul Gihong Han's ministry, health, and family
2. For missionaries' GMI ministry, health, and families
3. For church and ministries/events
 - The 4th Thousand days Special Early Morning Prayer Meeting (1/22/2024~10/17/2026)
 - Grace Freedom (Men's 9/19~21, Women's 9/26~28)
 - Meeting of Common Councils and Heads of Departments (9/23)
 - Congregation Discipleship Program Open(9/24) - Jesus Healing Hands Ministry (8/14)
 - GMI Missionary Impartation Ceremony (9/28) - Pastoral Ordination Service (9/29)
 - Cell Group Leader Revival Night (9/30, 8 p.m.)



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Family church worship plan 2025. 9. 21

3rd Week of September: What Must Be Sought and What Has Been Lost (Matthew 7:7-11)

■ Welcome

Please take a moment to share a story or experience related to prayer—this could be from school, a gathering, or even a child's prayer. Favorite Bible character, reason for choosing your own or your child's English name, etc.

■ Text: Matthew 7:7-11 (NIV)

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

■ Introduction

In times of suffering and hardship, we cry out to God in prayer, earnestly hoping for an answer. Yet, there are moments when, despite our deep sincerity, it feels as though God is not listening, and our prayers go unanswered.

Because of this, many believers turn to the Bible, searching for answers about why their prayers are not being answered and how they might receive a response from God. They study Scripture to identify possible reasons for unanswered prayers. Here are a few commonly considered explanations:

1. Is it because we lack faith?

(James 1:6) “But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.”

Some believe that unanswered prayers stem from doubts in their hearts. However, the instruction “do not doubt” is not about doubting whether our specific request will be granted, but rather about not doubting the goodness and will of God.

2. Is it because we haven't prayed persistently or intensely enough—such as through fasting or determined, persistent prayer?

In Luke 18, Jesus tells the story of the unjust judge. The judge granted the widow's request simply because she kept coming back and bothering him. Some mistakenly interpret this to mean that if we persistently beg or “nag” God through prayer, He will eventually give in. But that is a misunderstanding of God's nature.



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3. Is it because we are not praying according to God's will?

(1 John 5:14-15) **"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of Him."**

Often, we do not fully understand what God's will is. So when we pray, we may not even know whether our request aligns with His will or not.

4. Is it because we ask with selfish motives?

(James 4:3) **"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."**

But then, is asking for material needs or health for our life in this world truly considered praying with selfish motives?

Despite the delays or seeming silence in response to our prayers, we must acknowledge that God has already given us so many things we never even thought to pray for (v. 11).

Not everything we enjoy in life came as a direct answer to prayer. Looking back, we see how God has generously provided for us even when we did not ask—and He has protected our steps and guided us to where we are today.

Through today's passage, may we come to understand what Jesus meant by "ask" and "seek," recognize what has been lost, and learn what we ought to truly be praying for.

■ **Observation Question: What is it that believers must ask for, seek, and what has been lost?**

Answer 1. What we must ask for and seek - An intimate relationship with God the Father as His children

What we are truly called to seek and ask for in prayer is not simply the answer to our requests, but a deep and intimate relationship with God—as a Father with His sons and daughters. Prayer is not a tool to obtain what we need; it is an encounter in which we experience God as our Father. Through prayer, we continually confirm and deepen this precious relationship of love between the Father and His children.

The most definitive evidence of God's love is not found in material wealth, worldly success, or physical health, but in Jesus Christ—who gave us eternal life and solved the problem of sin and death. Even when we are too weak or unaware to pray for what truly matters, God meets us where we are and provides for our daily needs, helping us gradually recognize His love. Even when answers to our prayers seem delayed or absent, through those very prayers we come to experience that God is our protecting Father. What is more important than receiving something from God is encountering



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God Himself, the Giver. Experiencing God as our Father is the greatest blessing—and that is what we must seek and ask for in prayer.

Example: A testimony of a believer in a border village in Afghanistan who earnestly sought God in prayer and experienced His answer.

✿ Application Question 1

- 1) How would you rate your prayer life these days on a scale of 1 to 10? Why?
- 2) Have you ever experienced a deepening of your relationship with God during a time when your prayers were delayed? (Share how you came to know God more personally or grew closer to Him.)

Answer 2. What Has Been Lost - The Truth That God Loves Us

Even if we don't pray, God still protects our lives and guides our steps.

But what we lose when we stop praying is not comfort or material abundance—it is the experience of God the Father's love. And that love-filled place is heaven itself, because "God is love." Even when answers to prayer seem delayed, we must not be discouraged. The reason we are called to pray more fervently is not because God won't answer otherwise, but because it is through prayer that we come to experience the richness of His love.

(John 10:10) **"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."**

The Lord not only promises eternal life, but He also desires that His people live a full, abundant life even now. To live this kind of life—the life that pleases God—we must walk with Jesus daily. A full life does not mean a life without hardship or trials. Rather, it is a life where, even in the midst of difficulty, we experience abundance—because our Good Shepherd, Jesus, is with us. And we can endure because we know: "He loves me." What we have lost is not merely an answered prayer. What we've truly lost is the aching, sacrificial love of Jesus the Messiah, the Giver of miracles and eternal life.

Example: Testimony of a believer in Tajikistan who refused to deny Jesus, even in the face of death.

✿ Application Question 2

- 1) Is it possible to receive an answer to prayer but still grow distant from God? If so, when or in what situations might this happen?
- 2) In the busyness of daily life, how often am I truly aware of walking with Jesus? What personal decision or commitment can I make today to walk more closely with Him?