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The Example of a Faith that Prays  
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## Acts 4:23-31

### The Example of a Faith that Prays

Mark 11:17 - And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.”

1 Timothy 2:1 - First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

Luke 18:8 - Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Jesus: “Pray then like this...: (present imperative)

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*Acts 4:23 - When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God*

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### **\*Teaching And Prayer Focus One – Prayers of Worship (reverence)**

*“Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “ ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’ —*

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Faith: Choosing to PRAY as though God's word is true regardless of circumstances; regardless of emotions and regardless of cultural trends.

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Suggested prompt:

- Lord, I praise You that You are sovereign over...

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### **Teaching and Prayer Focus Two – Prayers of Surrender (response)**

*<sup>27</sup> for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.*

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Suggested prompt:

- Lord, I surrender to Your hand and Your plan, especially about...

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### **Teaching and prayer Focus Three – Prayers of trust (requests)**

*<sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."*

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Suggested prompt:

- Lord, today, I trust You to "look upon"... (an area of pressing need)

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Suggested prompt:

- Lord, help me in my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to exhibit the grace and truth of Christ, so that...

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### **Teaching and Prayer Focus Four – Prayers of confident expectation (readiness)**

*<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

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Suggested prompt:

- Lord, fill us with the Holy Spirit so that...