

Pray Without Ceasing

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18). In the midst of our busy daily lives, is it possible to pray without ceasing? We can love others without ceasing, and we breathe and see and hear without ceasing. They happen automatically because God created us with the ability to do them. If our spiritual lives are guided by the Holy Spirit, praying without ceasing is as natural as loving and breathing.

If we pray without ceasing, does it mean we are constantly praying until we receive what we desire? Or is it to be a spirit of prayerfulness that pervades our day? Ideally, it should be both. The teachings of Jesus show us that we are to “enter our closet” for times of intensive, persistent prayer, and also to go about our day with eyes fixed on Him and hearts aware of His presence. “Mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust” (Psalm 141:8).

So what is the secret to praying without ceasing? Psychologists tell us the best way to learn a new habit is to practice. Repeat the new way of doing things until it becomes second nature. Maybe you don’t have long uninterrupted periods of time to spend in prayer. You might be able to pray for hurting friends when you first wake up in the morning; pray for your family at the breakfast table; pray Psalm 19:14 for yourself, and for wisdom at school or at work as you drive there; pray for your church, pastor and missionaries as you drive home at the end of the day. Don’t despair if you can’t pray at the same times every day. When we’re aware of God’s constant presence, our hearts will constantly praise Him and seek His counsel.

If you feel your prayers are ineffective, pour out your heart to your heavenly Father. Romans 8:27 assures us that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us according to God’s will, and verse 34 tells us Jesus is at the Father’s right hand interceding for us. Our Father hears us when we pray!

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*Evening,
and morning,
and at noon,
will I pray*

Psalm 55:17



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**KULM BAPTIST CHURCH
KULM, ND**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR
PRAISE AND PRAYER**

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**FAVORITES FROM YOU
PRAYER OF THANKS**

MORE FAVORITES

**SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 5:3-6
THE BASIS OF BLESSING**

WORSHIP IN THE WORD - PASTOR

#504 WITHOUT HIM

BENEDICTION

Sunday, April 21
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
10:50 am Facebook Live

Sunday, April 28
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
10:50 am Facebook Live
7:00 pm Kulm Community Concert at the Congregational Church
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus...Hope and Healing"

Saturday, May 4
12:00 Noon Ladies Spring Luncheon at the Harbor/Lighthouse,
Edgeley. Guest Speaker will be Rachel Stephens. Reservations
required , ticket will be Free Will Donation. Call Pat 493-2528 or
Stella 493-2449 for reservations by April 29.

Praises and Prayer Requests
Remember those in our community or families that have recently
lost loved ones, or are struggling with an illness and need our
support and encouragement.

New address for Kathy Runion
Good Sam - Prairie Creek
4312 W. Creekside Circle, Apt. 108
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Happy Anniversary April 26 to Glenn & Becky B. The Lord bless you
on your special day!

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| April 14 Offering: | Sunday School | 22.00 |
| | Church offering | <u>710.00</u> |
| | Total | \$732.00 |

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