

Matters for Prayer

- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Australian Christian Lobby
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel
- Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- Island Gospel Ministries, Bohol, Philippines
- Maranatha Christian School, Talibon, Philippines
- Creation Ministries International
- Herald of Hope
- Sri Lankan Fellowship
- Korean Fellowship
- Those sick amongst the fellowship
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church
- Matthew Khanzadeh with his ministry into Afghanistan and Iran using Zoom
- CBC people street witnessing each Saturday morning

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- CBC Statement of faith
- Links to missions supported
- Online Sunday morning messages

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in
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*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher
of our faith*

Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service

A question that has arisen in the church is: Should we pray to the Holy Spirit?

From <https://corechristianity.com/resources/articles/should-we-worship-and-pray-to-the-holy-spirit>

To begin it would be helpful to take a brief look at some of the things the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit and prayer. First, consider what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you ([John 16:13-14](#)).

After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit is sent to us with a purpose. The Holy Spirit doesn't come for his own fame but to glorify Christ. It isn't as if the Old Testament was the Father's time, the New Testament the Son's, and now the Holy Spirit gets his moment in the spotlight. The Holy Spirit comes to direct attention and worship to Christ. It is through Christ that we can come before the Father with our prayers. Seventeenth century theologian John Owen summed up the Spirit's role in prayer well: "By keeping our hearts and minds close to Christ as Mediator the Holy Spirit refreshes our souls and makes our approaches to God in prayer not burdensome but delightful." The Holy Spirit is about directing our worship to Jesus, not to Himself.

Second, it is important to understand that we cannot pray without the Spirit. In fact, Paul tells us that, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God ([Romans 8:26-27](#)).

When Christians pray, the Holy Spirit assists us stepping in when we don't know what to pray for or how to pray about something. This reality is a great encouragement when we struggle with prayer. As long as we do it, the Holy Spirit will help. Indeed, the key to prayer is that we do it in connection with the Holy Spirit. Paul exhorts Christians to be "praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication" ([Ephesians 6:18](#)). Prayer is a supernatural event. Christians do not merely speak words into the air or have thoughts that float into nothingness when they pray. If we pray in the Holy Spirit, our words go directly to the throne room of God.

At this point the answer to our question should be a bit clearer. The Holy Spirit is God and can be addressed directly in prayer. There is nothing sinful or wrong about doing that, nor does the Bible forbid it. As we study the Holy Spirit's role in prayer it becomes clear that addressing the Holy Spirit directly is not the primary way the Bible teaches us to pray. Jesus taught us to pray to the Father in his name ([Matthew 6:9](#) [John 14:13](#); [16:24](#)). Those prayers are aided and made effectual by the Holy Spirit. Christian prayer, therefore, is to a triune God. The way we pray is molded by the triune nature of God. We pray to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We can pray to the Holy Spirit directly and there may be times that are appropriate, but to follow the New Testament teaching and model it will not be the predominant way we pray.

January 2024, at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, 7 th January	9.30 am	Family Prayer November
	10 am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on Mark 5:21-43 A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman healed
Tuesday, 9 th January	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 14 th January	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on Mark 6:1-13 Jesus Rejected and Sends out the 12
Tuesday, 16 th January	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 21 st January	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Steve Hilly Speaking on Mark 6:14-29 John the Baptist Beheaded
Tuesday, 23 rd January	7.30pm	Creation Meeting at the church
Sunday 28 th January	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on Mark 6:30-44 Feeding the 5000
Tuesday, 30 th January	7.00pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday, 4 th February	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Matthew Khanzade Speaking on Mark 6:30-44 Jesus Walks on Water and Healing

See also: www.cbc.sn.au/calendar

* Tuesday & Thursday Night Bible Studies – See Karl Irving for Details

* Women's Bible Study- Thursday mornings – See Judy Irving for details.

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