PRAYER IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

The Young Church Moves on the Power of Prayer, 24X

1. Prayer group formed right after Jesus' ascension, Upper Room

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

2. Prayer at the choosing of Matthias as apostle

Act 1:24,25 They prayed, and said, "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, 25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

3. Prayer after Peter's first sermon, 3,000 saved

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in **prayers**.

4. Specific daily time to pray corporately at Temple

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at **the hour of prayer**, being the ninth hour, 3 pm

5. Prayer after apostles' are released from prison (because healing of lame man)

Acts 4:24-31 When they heard that, **they lifted up their voice to God** with one accord, and said, "Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

6. Prayer at ordaining 7 deacons

Acts 6:4-6 We will **give ourselves continually to prayer**, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7. Stephen's last prayer at his stoning

Acts 7:59 They stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

8. Praying for Holy Spirit's filling

Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, **prayed for them**, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

9. Prayer of repentance by Simon, a new believer

Act 8:24 Then answered Simon, and said, "Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me."

10. Instructions for Ananias that he would find Paul praying in Damascus

Act 9:11 The Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

11. Peter prays before raising Tabitha from the dead

Acts 9:40 Peter put them all forth, and **kneeled down, and prayed**; and turning him to the body said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

12. Prayers of unsaved Gentile, Cornelius

Acts 10:2-4 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and **prayed to God always**. 3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, "Cornelius." 4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said unto him, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

13. Peter's Quiet Time alone with God

Acts 10:9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the **housetop to pray about the sixth hour**. (noon)

14. Repeat of events leading to Cornelius' salvation

Acts 10:30 Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing."

Acts 11:5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me."

15. All night prayer meeting for Peter's safety

Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but **prayer was made without ceasing** of the church unto God for him.

16. Midnight prayer meeting for Peter's release, at Mark's mom's house

Acts 12:12 When he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were **gathered together praying**.

- 17. Elders pray, fast, and lay hands on Barnabas and Saul as they ordain them to missionary service

 Acts 13:3 When **they had fasted and prayed**, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- 18. Prayer & fasting by Barnabas and Paul before ordaining elder in new churches in Turkey, 1st missionary journey
 Acts 14:23 When they had ordained them elders in every church, and had **prayed with fasting**, they
 commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
- 19. Prayer group of unsaved Jewish women by the river in Philippi, Macedonia

Acts 16:13 On the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

20. Demon possessed girl shows up at apostles' prayer meeting in Philippi

Acts 16:16 It came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying.

21. Farewell prayer meeting at Ephesus as Barnabas and Paul head back to Jerusalem

Acts 20:36 When he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

- 22. Farewell prayer meeting with the Miletus' church members on the beach as apostle's go to Jerusalem

 Acts 21:5 When we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we **kneeled down on the shore**,

 and prayed.
- 23. Paul prays for the food after two weeks of fasting on the ship in the storm in Mediterranean Sea

 Acts 27:35 When he had thus spoken, he took bread, and **gave thanks to God** in presence of them all:
 and when he had broken it, he began to eat.
- 24. Paul prays in Malta before healing a man

Acts 28:8 It came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and **prayed**, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.