

# C.R.O.S.S



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## Church-Wide

### Bible Study: *War Room*

The bible teaches us of the importance and power of prayer. The bible says that "men ought to always pray..." In order for us to grow spiritually, we must spend time with God. Starting in May, the entire church (Adult Noon and Evening bible study, Sunday School and Young Adults) will journey through the movie entitled War Room. By working through this series one will...

1. Discover the power of prayer.
2. Spiritual warfare.
3. Develop strategies to battle the real Enemy through prayer.
4. Dig deeper into the spiritual disciple aspects of prayer.
5. Build closer relationships with one another.

The study guide book is \$10.00 per person. Please see Sis. Gilbert to order your copy!

## *Pray Without Ceasing!*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

## Scriptures about Prayer

### How often should we pray?

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray without ceasing.

### How should we pray?

Philippians 4:6 - Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

### What should we pray for?

2 Timothy 2:1 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

**"We have to pray  
with our eyes on God,  
not on the  
difficulties."**

**Oswald Chambers**



## **prayer:**

Prayer is conversation with God in direct address to him. Prayer presupposes a belief in the personality of God, his ability and willingness to communicate with us, his personal control of all things, and of all his creatures and all their actions. It is a "beseeching the Lord" (Ex. 32:11); "pouring out the soul before the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:15); "praying and crying to heaven" (2 Chr. 32:20); "seeking unto God and making supplication" (Job 8:5); "drawing near to God" (Ps. 73:28); "bowing the knees" (Eph. 3:14).

WebBible Encyclopedia

## The Believer's War Room

*My notes from a sermon by Dr. Charles Stanley*

Focusing on Matthew 6:6, the key scripture passage, Dr. Stanley said Jesus taught us to go into an inner room and close the door. Our inner room may be a literal space (our prayer room/prayer closet) but may simply be some place that is private. The key is that it is a place set aside as a holy place, a place exclusively to talk with our Father.

Once we have our inner room we must be intentional about our desire to commune with and worship Him. It requires our commitment to habitually plan time to meet with the Lord in the same place each day. This is a place where we can tell God all about our cares, our fears, and our innermost desires. It is truly a place to tell Him all but also a place to listen for His response.

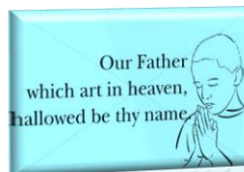
As Dr. Stanley spoke it reminded me of the old song, "Come On in My Room." The song says *Jesus is my doctor and He writes out all of my prescriptions in my room.* That's just what He provides in the inner room - it is where we fight our battles (spiritual warfare), and where we receive instruction for the day. The secret place, the inner room, is where we confess our sins and petition His forgiveness. This holy place is where we develop an intimate relationship with our Savior; where we learn to recognize His voice as we linger in His presence. What a privilege it is to have a Savior who loves us so much! He is One who is willing to spend time with us and to minister to our needs. This is a privilege not to be taken for granted!

*Dr. Stanley asks:*

*Where do you go to pray in private? If you have a specific place, how has it become your holy place? If you haven't yet found a place, what can you do to find one?*

*Has a daily prayer time become your habitual pattern? If so, how has this practice benefited you and deepened your relationship with Christ? If you struggle with consistently meeting in private with the Lord, what is hindering you?*

*What can you do to overcome these obstacles?*



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



### Prayer Quiz?

1. Why did Isaac pray to the LORD for his wife, Rebekah?
2. What did the priest Eli think when he saw Hannah praying?
3. What did God do in response, as Hezekiah wept to God in prayer?
4. Who responded to Daniel's prayer of confession?
5. What happened in Joppa in response to Peter's prayer that made many believe?
6. Jesus said: "It is written, 'My house is the house of prayer'; but you have made it..."
7. Jesus said, that men ought always to pray, and not to...
8. Just before Jesus was betrayed, he prayed to the Father, that those which had been given to him would be...
9. Jesus said, "Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which..."
10. Jesus said that when we stand praying, we must first...



### GOT JOKES!

🔗 Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

🔗 Student's Prayer: "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test. If I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."

### Test Your Knowledge Answers

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| 1. Genesis 25:21     | 6. Luke 19:46              |
| 2. 1 Samuel 1:12,13  | 7. Luke 18:1               |
| 3. 2 Kings 20:5      | 8. John 17:11,22           |
| 4. Daniel 9:4, 5, 21 | 9. Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28 |
| 5. Acts 9:39-42      | 10. Mark 11:25             |