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## Devotion by the Youth:

# ACTS 12

### OBSERVATION

When the church found out that Peter had been put to jail, they prayed for him. God later brought him out of prison.

Prayer is a form of communication to God, and sometimes we don't use it properly. An earnest prayer shows what our heart cares about is what God cares about too. It is difficult to pray meaningfully, especially when don't make time to quieten our hearts, or we sometimes don't bother praying at all.

#### NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

April 7, 2024

**The Hallmark Gospel of Faith: Self Forgetfulness**

1 Corinthians 3:18 - 4:21  
Preacher  
**William Ngeow**

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**Prayer doesn't mean God will instantly fulfill what you have prayed for, but I think at times it shows that you care for someone/something so much that you want God to take care of it because He can do so and He can take care of it better than us. Though sometimes what we pray for may not be God's best intentions for us.**



### APPLICATION

So, pray meaningfully and earnestly. Spend time to talk to God. God knows what's troubling each of us individually, but He's waiting for us to open up to Him.

### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for providing ways for us to speak to You. I pray with this message, I will be more aware when I'm praying and learn not to take prayer for granted. Amen.



#### By Joelle

Joelle serves in the Youth ministry and attended a discipleship group under Sarah Searle. Joelle is currently overseas for tertiary education, she served in the Youth Ministry

### SCRIPTURE

Chapter 12:15: "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

### OBSERVATION

Peter was arrested and kept in prison to be a spectacle to the Jews (via execution) after the Feast of Unleavened Bread is finished. But God had other plans, He sent an angel to rescue Peter from prison and brought him back to the church. During this time, the church has been praying for Peter, but when news of Peter being at their doorstep was announced, the church quickly dismissed it.

### APPLICATION

Before I point a finger at the church, I need to consider this: Peter wasn't the first to be arrested and sentenced to death. He's the second (James, the first). I could imagine when James was arrested the church gathered; and prayed for James to be rescued by God but in the end, God handed James over to Herod. In the same way, when Peter was arrested, the church went through the same steps but with a burden in their heart. This was why they were quick to dismiss the claim that Peter was at their doorstep.





**So how does this apply to me? I have friends who I've seen rejected God over and over again but does this mean I should stop praying for them? Miracles don't always happen, but as a follower of Christ, I still have a duty towards the un-repentant & pray that they may receive the Spirit of repentance.**

#### PRAYER

Lord, you know the burden that weighs me whenever I speak of friends. To JL, JC, TM, SY, JI and ZY, I uphold these individuals, that by your grace, you would

grant them a new heart that longs for you. That you would give them the Spirit of repentance, to be uncomfortable with where they are, and let them not be satisfied by things of this world apart from you. It's been years now that I've repeated this same prayer but I know that in due time if you will it, they will come to you, and great will be that day for there will be rejoicing. I pray and uphold these individuals, in Jesus' name, Amen.



#### By Ivan Khoo

Ivan serves in the Youth ministry and Campus Ministry with roles such as the discussion group leader, registration team, and youth committee



## PrayerSpotlight

# Prayer for Alpha

1. Pray that the two Alpha semesters planned for 2024 will be well attended by both seekers and Christians. That the Lord will gather the seekers to attend and grant them the opportunities to know Him and to seek an ongoing relationship with Him.
2. Pray that the believers attending the sessions will renew their relationship with God and be reinvigorated to have a deeper commitment to serve Him and be involved in His kingdom work.
3. Thank God for giving the passion to the dedicated team of Helpers to serve Him. Pray that all the Helpers will continue to have hearts of compassion and care for our guests to strengthen the fellowship with our guests.
4. Pray that God's Holy Spirit will continue to lead, guide, and direct the team to fulfill His plans and purposes. Bless the team with wisdom and patience to journey together with the guests on the road of discipleship.



**Alpha**