



PRAYING WITH POWER!

Acts 12:1-17

THIS PRAYER WAS PROPER

“Constant Prayer Was Offered”

- It is always right to pray for our brethren
- We should pray always
1 Thessalonians 5:13
- It was natural and appropriate for the brethren to pray on this occasion.
- All Christians should desire to pray!



THIS PRAYER WAS TO THE RIGHT PERSON

“Unto God.”

- These brethren prayed to God in an hour of trouble.
- The Lord wants to hear his people pray.
- He is the God of grace and power.
- He has all power and will use it for His people. – Matthew 6:30-32
- There is no other person to whom prayer may be offered. (1 Kings 18; Acts 10:25-26)
- All other subjects of prayer avail nothing. Pray to God. – Romans 1:21-23





THIS PRAYER WAS FOR THE RIGHT PERSON

“For Him (Peter)”

- Peter was in Prison!
- He was there for preaching Jesus! (Acts 12:3)
- The brethren prayed fervently for Peter
- The Lord heard and answered! – Acts 12:7-17
- The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much! – James 5:16

THIS PRAYER WAS BY THE RIGHT PEOPLE

“By The Church”

- The people who prayed on this occasion were Christians.
- They knew the Lord.
Hebrews 8:11
- They believed
Hebrews 11:6



THIS PRAYER WAS HEARD AND ANSWERED

“The Lord Has Sent His Angel”

- The Lord sent His angel of mercy to the prison. (vs. 7)
- The angel loosed Peter and led him out of the prison. (vs. 7)
- FROM the pit of a prison TO a place of prayer! (vs. 12)
- The Lord hears and answers prayer! (1 John 3:22; 5:15)
- Learn the secret of prayer with power and employ it fervently and constantly for His Glory and His people!



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- This prayer was PROPER
- This Prayer was TO the right PERSON
- This Prayer was FOR the right PERSON
- This Prayer was BY the right PEOPLE
- This Prayer resulted in the desired RESPONSE



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