

# Prayer changes things and people



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## **Matt 9:37-38**

37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."  
NKJV

The apostle Paul prays for advancement for the Church at Colossians -1:9-23

Prayer will not allow you to stay the same. There will be some:

Progression (movement)

Expansion (growth)

Innovation (modernization)

## **Col 1:9-14**

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. NKJV

- ❖ The Cause of the Prayer – 1:9a – “For this reason we also,...”
- ❖ The Circumstance of the Prayer- 1:9b – “...since the day we heard of it;...”
- ❖ The Correlation of the Prayer- 1:9b-14 – What he wants the Father to do.
  - ✓ In regard to God’s will – 1:9
  - ✓ In regard to their Walk – 1:10-12
  - ✓ In regard to the Father’s work – 1:13-14