

Fast 2021 Stronger

Topic	Stronger ...Love for Prayer
Scripture	Jeremiah 29:12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
Definition	Prayer is a way of communicating or talking to God. It is a place of intimacy where we tell God our thoughts, feelings, fears, and desires. In prayer, we bring our petitions before God. It is the place where we give praise and thanks. This necessary act of communicating with God also leads to repentance.
Prayer Tools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask God to stir up a LONGING within you for a love of prayer. God desires a relationship with you. Prayer is essential for building and sustaining the relationship. Pray that you can seek Him, hunger after Him, and find joy in prayer. 2. Pray for FAITHFULNESS in your consistency. The Bible tells us to “pray without ceasing.” This includes the good days and the hard days. 3. Pray for the grace and patience to WAIT in prayer. 4. ACKNOWLEDGE His attributes. Tell God what He means to you. Your desire to God in prayer is driven by who God is and not based upon your circumstances nor outcomes of your prayers. 5. Pray for VICTORY over your battles. You overcome sin and temptations through spiritual warfare in prayer.
Leader’s Prayer	5-6 minutes max
Closing Collective Prayer	<p>All participants will read this prayer together</p> <p>God, teach me how to pray. I declare a love for prayer. You are stirring up hunger for You and I am eager to taste of Your goodness. Through my prayer, I enter into Your presence and there I find joy. I commit myself to prayer. I commit myself to waiting on You. I desire to talk to you and I desire to listen. Our relationship is the most special one in my life and I commit to nurturing it through prayer. I acknowledge Your power, Your majesty, Your holiness, Your mercy, and Your love. I will pray because of who You are. No matter what surrounds me, I know that You go before me, behind me and beside me. I will win my battles through prayer.</p>