

PRAYER: EASY OR HARD?

I hope each one is planning on participating in one of the Covenant Prayer Groups. Please contact the church office if you did not receive a letter with a group assignment. These groups were partially created with the use of our computers and some names were left out. And you do not have to be a member of the church to participate in a prayer group. The groups will begin meeting Sunday night and will meet for six weeks, through April 5.

Something you might enjoy discussing in your groups is what you find easy about praying and what you find hard. For example, I find it easy to pray for others and their needs. But I sometimes find it hard to remember each one's prayer needs. To help with that I have started using a little binder to keep a record of prayer needs. I find it easy to confess my sins to God and ask for His forgiveness. I find it hard sometimes to remember all of them and I find it hard to confess them to those I have wronged or offended.

I used to find it hard to stay focused while praying. I found that my mind would often wander to other things. But now I find it much easier to keep my mind focused on God during prayer. Concentration and focus are much easier now for me.

I still find it hard to hear God speak to me. I find it much easier to do the talking while praying. But I am finding it easier to hear him speak to me and sometimes it happens at times other than when I am actually praying.

I used to find it hard to spend a significant amount of time to pray. I used to feel like my life was too busy with other important things and activities. But now I get up earlier and actually look forward to a significant prayer time and Bible reading time each morning. I actually find that easy now.

I also find some prayers more difficult to get answered. My prayers for certain people's salvation or for change in a person's life I find are very slow to be answered.

What do you find easy about praying and what do you find hard? See you Sunday as we begin a new series on prayer and discover "prayer power" in our lives!

Pastor Mark