

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PRAYER  
(Acts 13:1-4)

- I. Prayer SUPPLIES the Workers
  - A. The HARVEST is GREAT (Luke 10:1-2)
  - B. The LABORERS are FEW—Why is that true?
    - 1. Some are too concerned with COMFORT and SECURITY (Luke 9:57-58)
    - 2. Some are too attached to HOME and FAMILY (Luke 9:59-60)
    - 3. Some are too distracted by PLANS and INTERESTS (Luke 9:61-62)
  - C. The CHURCH must PRAY (Acts 13:1-4)
    - 1. Laborers will be called from among the MEMBERS
    - 2. Laborers will be called from among the LEADERS
- II. Prayer SUPPORTS the Workers (Rom. 15:30-32)
  - A. Pray for their personal SAFETY (Rom. 15:30)
  - B. Pray for God's BLESSING on their ministry (Rom. 15:31)
  - C. Pray for guidance and wisdom in their TRAVEL and PLANNING (Rom. 15:32)
  - D. Pray for their spiritual and physical REFRESHMENT (Rom. 15:32)
  - E. Pray for their successful COMMUNICATION (Eph. 6:18-19)
  - F. Pray for BOLDNESS when faced with DIFFICULTY (Eph. 6:19-20)
  - G. Pray for their spiritual and physical PROSPERITY (Rom. 1:10)
- III. Conclusions
  - A. Through our prayer, God calls out people to SERVE Him in OTHER PLACES
  - B. Through our prayer, God SUPPORTS the workers with EVERYTHING they NEED to accomplish the work
  - C. God intends to use US to help ANSWER those prayers
    - 1. Those told to pray for laborers were then SENT (Luke 10:3)
    - 2. Those told to pray for support are told to HELP (Rom. 15:24; James 2:15-16; 3 John 1:5-8)