IT'S TIME TO PRAY 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Introduction:

Prayer is talking to God. It is direct address to God.

Prayer is the primary way for Believers in Christ Jesus to communicate his emotions and desires with God and to fellowship with God.

- I. Believers Should Pray for Unbelievers (John 6:44)
 - o Pray that Unbelievers fall out of Sin and come under the Holy Ghost's Conviction.
 - A. A person who comes to Christ has been drawn by God
 - B. The Holy Spirit quickens the Gospel to a person's mind so that he sees it as never before.
- **II.** Believers Should Pray for the Furtherance of the Gospel (Phil 1:12)
 - A. For Us-Do not allow situations and circumstances to hinder us in sharing the Gospel
 - **B.** When we live for Christ, we must know that God is in control of our lives. Remember, God will strengthen us to bear whatever circumstances we encounter.

III. Believers Should Pray for the Faith of the Brethren (Phil 1:25)

- How to help others grow spiritually (process of becoming more and more like Jesus):
 - A. Discipleship
 - **B.** Words of Encouragement
 - C. Lending a helping hand
 - D. Maintaining an active prayer life
 - E. Keeping God first in life
 - F. Loving God and Others

Conclusion:

- **A.** "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (1 Chron 7:14).
- B. It is Time to Pray It is Praying Time
- C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).