

FOR GOD'S DELIVERANCE

ACTS 12:1-19

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Prayer is dialog with The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit!
(Ephesians 6:18, fn 6:18, Jude 20, fn 20)

PRAY WITH GOD'S PEOPLE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE. "Believers find strength in praying together...Praying with others... often increases our faith and the effectiveness of our prayers." Wayne Gruden, *Systematic Theology*, pp. 389, 390. (Acts 12:1-5, fn 12:5, Matthew 18:19, 20, fn 18:19, 20, II Corinthians 1:7-11, fn 1:11, I Corinthians 12:12, 13, 25, 26, Romans 15:30, fn 15:30, Hebrews 13:1-3, fn 13:3) *What answered prayer stands out to you from your group's prayers?*

PRAY FOR IMPOSSIBILITIES as the church did for Peter. "It is life-changing to pray fervently." R. Kent Hughes, *Acts*, p. 170. It is life-changing to experience God's answered prayer of impossibility. (Acts 12:6-15, fn 12:13-15, Luke 18:1, fn 18:1, I John 5:14, 15, fn 5:14, 15, Mark 11:22-25, fn 11:22, 23, fn 11:24, Romans 8:26, 27, fn 8:26, 27, Colossians 4:2, 3, fn 4:2, Philippians 4:6, 7, fn 4:6, 7) *What is an impossible situation in your life that could be changed only by God's intervention? Would you ask your group to pray for God's solution?*

PRAY TO TELL OF THE LORD'S DELIVERANCE and answers to your prayers. When you tell others what God is doing in your life and how your prayers are being answered, it encourages, strengthens, and builds up the body of Christ. (Acts 12:16-19, Acts 4:20, fn 4:20, Acts 9:32-42, Acts 14:26, 27, II Timothy 1:7, 8, fn 1:8, Romans 1:11:12, fn 1:11, 12) *Why is it important to your group for you to share what God is doing in your life?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

