



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

## PASTORAL GROWTH SERIES

### “DEEPER PRAYER LIFE”

P.U.S.H. Series – Part 7B

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Prayer is meant to be a way of life for Christians. It is a way of talking to God and listening to His voice with the ears of the heart. However, distractions are everywhere these days, and it is sometimes hard for us to focus on our conversations with God. The study of the Gospels reveals that Jesus prayed often. The time Jesus spent in prayer and the depth of His prayers put our own prayer lives to shame. Like Jesus, we need to have a deeper prayer life.

#### 1. When and why do we need a deeper prayer life?

**We need a deeper prayer life -**

**1.1 When making/molding disciples** (Mt. 28:19-20). Followers of Jesus were groomed to become leaders. However, before they were assigned for leadership, they were mentored, equipped, and proven, as they slowly grew spiritually. Likewise, in the Lord's Flock Community, those who completed the Spirit Empowerment Seminar, Maturing in the Spirit Seminar, and Equipping the Saints Seminar are given follow-up teachings to help them grow spiritually, to equip and to groom them to be leaders in the service of the community.

**1.2 When faced with persecution** (Acts 4:23-31).

The disciples raised their voices and prayed together with the power of God after the release of Peter and John. The apostles who were filled with the Holy Spirit went to different places, and spoke the Word of God boldly. However, when they started to face persecution (Acts 8), they went back to their community to ask for prayers. Thus, united prayer is powerful.

#### 1.3 When going on a mission

Whenever the Elder-Founder of the Lord's Flock Community, Sis Techie Rodriguez, goes on a mission, she would experience the power of the members praying for her. Intercessory prayers give her strength, protection, provisions, and success in all her missions (Colossians 4:2-3). Prayer is so powerful that it can move mountains.

**1.4 When making big decisions** like choosing leaders who will be given assignments in the LF Community, Sis Techie Rodriguez would always ask the whole community to pray for guidance in choosing the right leaders for the coming year.

**1.5 When experiencing difficulties** (Psalm 50:15; Luke 21:36). Prayer can help us see the big picture and be comforted by God's love when things are not going our way.

#### Conclusion:

What the church community needs today is not better or more machinery, not new organizations or more novel methods, but people whom the Holy Spirit can use. These are men and women mighty in prayer like Daniel, Nehemiah, Paul, and many more in the Bible.

Learning more about what motivated Jesus to pray is a wonderful way to strengthen our habit of prayer. Being the people of God means being a people of prayer.

#### Reflection:

1. How do you pray?
2. Do you have an established prayer time?
3. How is your relationship with God?

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