

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

Prayer When Facing Opposition Acts 4:25–37



**Col. 4:2, “Devote [προσκαρτυρέω, *proskartureo*-
to continue to do something with intense effort,
with the possible implication of despite difficulty
‘to devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in.’]
yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an
attitude of thanksgiving;”**

1 Thess. 5:17, “Pray without ceasing.”

Prayer is that grace provision of the royal priesthood

whereby the Church Age believer has access and privilege to communicate directly with God;

the purpose of this communication is

to acknowledge our sin,

express adoration and praise to God,

give thanks,

intercede for others, and

convey our personal needs, petitions, and

conduct intimate conversations with God.

Acts 4:23, “And when they [Peter and John] had been released, they went to their own companions, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.”

Adoration:

This is the part of the prayer which focuses our attention upon WHO God is and WHAT He has done.

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscient

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

Acts 4:24, “And when they [their companions] heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, ‘O Lord, it is Thou who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them, [Ex. 20:11; Ps. 146:6].’ ”

Jer. 32:17, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.”

Psa. 146:3, “Do not trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.”

Psa. 146:6, “Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

Psa. 146:7, “Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.”

The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

Acts 4:25, “who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say, ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples devise futile things?

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Acts 28:25, “So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: ‘The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,’ ”

**Matt. 4:4, “But He answered and said, ‘It is written,
“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every
word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” ’ ”**

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

**θεόπνευστος (*theopneustos*),
God-breathed, breathed out by God.**

2 Pet. 1:19, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

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γίνομαι *ginomai*

pres mid indic 3 sing
**to become, be, be born, be
created**

**“no prophecy of Scripture
comes into existence by
one’s own explanation.”**

**ἐπίλυσις (*epilysis*),
explanation, interpretation**

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φέρω *phero*

pres pass part masc plur

nom

to bring, carry

**Psa. 2:1, “Why do the nations rage,
and the people plot a vain thing?”**

**Psa. 2:2, “The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against His Anointed,
saying,**

**Psa. 2:3, “Let us break Their bonds in pieces
and cast away Their cords from us.”**

Rev. 6:15, “And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

Rev. 6:16, “and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Rev. 6:17, “ ‘For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?’ ”

Rev. 16:13, “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev. 16:14, “For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.”

**Psa. 2:4, “He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
the Lord shall hold them in derision.**

**Psa 2:5, “Then He shall speak to them in His
wrath, and distress them in His deep
displeasure:”**

Psa 2:6, “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.

**Psa 2:7, “I will declare the decree:
the Lord has said to Me,
‘You are My Son,
today I have begotten You.’ ”**

Psa. 2:8, “Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Psa. 2:9, “You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

They quote this psalm to emphasize to God that His revealed will is to put down the attack of secular powers against the Messiah.

Ultimately God will have His victory.

By reciting this they have a sense of victory rather than defeat or intimidation.

**Col. 1:24, “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you,
and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the
afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body,
which is the church,”**

Acts 4:26, “The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the LORD and against His Christ.

Acts 4:27, “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together”