

Ten Reasons to Pray Together . . .

We pray together to . . .

1. Glorify God. *Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together* (Psalm 34:3).
2. Demonstrate our need for God. He is the strong one. All of us need his help, involvement and blessing. Our status, position, age, experience and knowledge of the Bible don't matter when we bow together before the God of all creation.
3. Include God in our conversations. He's with us. We miss out when we ignore Him. *Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them* (Matthew 18:20).
4. Learn to pray. By listening to others converse with God, I discover new ways to talk with Him myself.
5. Inspire personal prayer. *Encourage one another daily . . . so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness* (Hebrews 3:13).
6. Love and be loved. Our prayer group prayed for a dad's salvation. He passed away last night. I cried when I heard the news. Other days we've rejoiced together, like when a child overcame fear, and another daughter found love. Sometimes the first or only people to know about situation are those in a prayer group. Rather than react with emotion or advice, we bring our concerns to God. He listens. He helps.
7. See God provide. Jesus told this story when he taught about prayer. *Suppose a friend asks you for three loaves of bread, but you don't have any. So you go to a rich friend's house, even though it's midnight, and knock on his door until he gets up and gives you all the bread your friend needs* (from Luke 11:5-8).
8. Be healed. *Pray for each other so that you may be healed* (James 5:16).
9. Receive answers. *If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven* (Matthew 18:19).
10. See God's power. The believers *raised their voices together in prayer. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly* (Acts 4:24,31).