# The ONE THING in Prayer

## “Proclaiming the Gospel of God’s Kingdom is not the only thing we do, but it is the one thing that shapes everything we do.”

Pray through one of these passages each day, asking God to empower you for the proclamation of the gospel.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*

*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,*

*and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.*

*Empower Me.*

**Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians**

Ephesians 3:17-19

*that you, being rooted and grounded in love,*

*may have strength to comprehend with all the saints*

*what is the breadth* (every tongue, tribe and nation)

*and length* (every generation forever)

*and height* (we are seated with Christ in the heavenly places)

*and depth*, (the mystery and mission of the church)

*and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,*

*that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

*Empower Me.*

**Prayer for Workers in the Harvest**

Matthew 9:35-38

*And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because*

* *they were harassed* (Spiritual forces attacking)
* *and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* (No way out on their own)

*Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

*Empower Me.*

**Waiting on the Holy Spirit**

Acts 1:4, 5, 8

*And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

*Empower Me.*

**C-P-O-P**

**A Community of Believers Proclaiming God’s Kingdom in Obedience to Jesus and in the Power of the Holy Spirit**

John 20:21-23

*Jesus said to them* ***(C)*** *again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me* ***(P)****, even so*

*I am sending you.”* ***(O)*** *And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.* ***(P)*** *If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”*

*Empower Me.*