

Miracle Praying!

The ACTS of the Holy Spirit Acts 12

¹³ Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray.....The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:13

1. God Sees Our _____!

About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. ² He had the apostle James (John's brother) killed with a sword. ³ When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration.) ⁴ Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. Acts 12:1-4

God's Testings Get Tougher Each Time—He is Preparing Us For Eternity!

2. God Keep His _____!

⁶ The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. ⁷ Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." And he did. "Now put on your coat and follow me," the angel ordered. Acts 12:6-8

James (brother of John) became the first Martyr
Peter sleeping?

Matthew 20:22
John 21:18-19

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe.

Psalm 4:8

3. God Hears Our _____!

⁵ But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him. Acts 12:5

¹² The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the LORD turns his face against those who do evil. I Peter 3:12, Psalm 34:15-16

- (a) Many people were praying
- (b) They were praying earnestly
- (c) They prayed night and day for perhaps as long as a week
- (d) Their prayers were centered specifically on Peter's deliverance

There is something extra special when a church body fervently prays!

4. God Expects Us To Do Our _____!

The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." And he did. "Now put on your coat and follow me," the angel ordered. ⁹ So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn't realize it was actually happening. Acts 12:7b-9

I bet for the rest of his life, every time Peter bent over to tie his shoes it was a reminder!

5. God (Most Times) Answers Prayers in _____!

⁹ So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn't realize it was actually happening. ¹⁰ They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself. So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him. Acts 12:9-10

6. God Answers Prayers That Even Have A _____!

¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, "Peter is standing at the door!" ¹⁵ "You're out of your mind!" they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel." Acts 12:14-15

7. God Should Receive _____ From Answered Prayer!

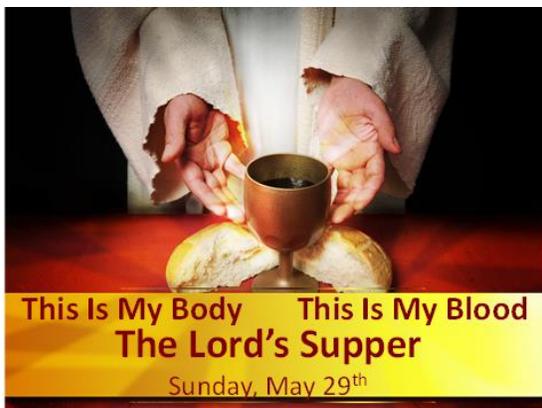
¹⁶ Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed. ¹⁷ He motioned for them to quiet down and told them how the Lord had led him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers what happened," he said. And then he went to another place. Acts 12:16-17

8. God Will Deal With Our _____ Sooner or Later!

Afterward Herod left Judea to stay in Caesarea for a while.....an angel of the Lord struck Herod with a sickness, because he accepted the people's worship instead of giving the glory to God. So he was consumed with worms and died. Acts 12:19,23

ANSWERS:

Trials, Promises, Prayers, Part, Unusual Ways,
Little Faith, Glory, Enemies



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