

Acts 1:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Analysis

United, continual prayer characterizes the pre-Pentecost community, establishing a pattern for church life. The inclusion of women and Jesus' family shows the Spirit creates a new community transcending social and familial boundaries. The Greek 'proskartereo' (devoted themselves) implies persistent, patient waiting in prayer.

Historical Context

This 120-person prayer meeting (Acts 1:15) occurred in Jerusalem's upper room during the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost. Mary's presence is her last biblical mention, showing her integration into the believing community.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does corporate prayer shape your church community's life and mission?
2. What can we learn from the early church's devotion to prayer before major spiritual events?

Interlinear Text

οὗτοι	πάντες	ἦσαν	προσκατεροῦντες	ὁμοθυμαδὸν	τῇ			
These	all	continued	G4342	with one accord	G3588			
G3778	G3956	G2258		G3661				
προσευχῇ	καὶ	τῇ	δεήσει,	σὺν	γυναιξὶν	καὶ	Μαριὰ	
in prayer	and	G3588	supplication	with	the women	and	Mary	
G4335	G2532		G1162	G4862	G1135	G2532	G3137	
τῇ	μητρὶ	τοῦ	Ἰησοῦ	καὶ	σὺν	τοῖς	ἀδελφοῖς	αὐτοῦ
G3588	the mother	G3588	of Jesus	and	with	G3588	brethren	his
	G3384		G2424	G2532	G4862		G80	G846

Additional Cross-References

Acts 6:4 (Prayer): But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Ephesians 6:18 (Prayer): Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Acts 2:42 (Prayer): And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Colossians 4:2 (Prayer): Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

Romans 12:12 (Prayer): Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Luke 18:1 (Prayer): And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Acts 2:1 (Parallel theme): And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Matthew 21:22 (Prayer): And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Luke 11:13 (Parallel theme): If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Acts 2:46 (Parallel theme): And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

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