

# 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

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οὗτοι πάντες ἦσαν προσκαρτεροῦντες ὁμοθυμαδὸν τῇ  
These all continued G4342 with one accord G3588  
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προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει, σὺν γυναιξὶν καὶ Μαριά  
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  
the mother of Jesus and with brethren his  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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