SPIRITUAL LEADERS ARE

MEN AND WOMEN OF PRAYER

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*It is impossible to be a spiritual leader without a good prayer life. Prayer is sadly lacking in the hearts, minds, lives and ministry of many leaders. No work for the church should take precedence over communion with God in prayer.*

**REASONS WHY WE NEED TO BE PRAYING MEN AND WOMEN**

We cannot survive, live or work successfully for God without prayer. A leader who depends on his own strength, who preaches and serves from his own resources, will soon find himself or herself weak, discourage and ready to quit.

Prayer is our first line of defense.

Prayer is the primary task of a spiritual leader.

Prayer is part of our love relationship with God.

Prayer is the source of our power and strength.

Prayer sustains us.

Prayer is what helps us to grow spiritually.

Prayer is what makes us effective in ministry.

Prayer leads us to greater dependency on God.

Prayer leads us to live victorious lives.

**SIX WAYS TO BECOME PRAYING MEN AND WOMEN**

1. Make prayer a priority.
2. Ask God to help you to have a more meaningful prayer life.
3. Have a regular time and place to pray.
4. Pray without ceasing.
5. Have a prayer list and pray for personal, family, members, leaders and world needs.
6. Have a prayer partner and pray with and for each other at least once a week.

Prayer must be our first resource, not our last resort.