

Epping Forest Community Church
A Relational Community

Living as God's
Family

We are God's Children!

A Relational Community

That we may share God's love & truth with others.

**Praying for and
encouraging one
another.**

Jesus was a man of prayer.

John 17 Jesus prayed for:

Himself

His disciples

Us – all believers

Mark 1:35 NLT

Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

Matthew 14:23 NLT

After sending them home, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray. Night fell while He was there alone.

Luke 5:16 NIV

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

John 5:19 NLT

So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He does only what He **sees** the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

John 5:30 NIV

By myself I can do nothing;
I judge only as I **hear**, and
my judgment is just, for I
seek not to please myself
but him who sent me.

Luke 3:21-22 NIV

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened (22) and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 4:1-2 NIV

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, (2) where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Matthew 11:12 (NKJV)

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12 (NLT)

And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it.

We are at war!



2 Corinthians 10:3-4 NIV

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. (4) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

1 Peter 2:5 NLT

And you are living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple. What's more, you are His **holy priests**. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

1 Peter 2:9 NLT

But you are not like that,
for you are a chosen
people. You are **royal
priests**, a holy nation,
God's very own
possession....

James 5:16 NIV

.... The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Luke 8:22-25 NLT

One day Jesus said to His disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and started out. (23) As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger.

Luke 8:22-25 NLT

(24) The disciples went and woke Him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" When Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm. (25) Then He asked them, "**Where is your faith?**" The disciples were terrified and amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "When He gives a command, even the wind and waves obey Him!"

Faith Declaration

I am a Royal Priest!

My prayers are powerful and effective!

I will have faith in Jesus!

I will have faith in who I am in Jesus!

Praying for one another

*helps us to live well in God's family
and will help us to show what God is like*

Not Praying for one another

*stops us living well in God's family
And will spoil our encouragement to others*