

Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON

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THE BASIS OF PRAYER

Ephesians 1:15-16

I. Doctrine: Prayer is _____ by What God *has Done* in Christ's Church

A. –Like *Faith*, this has to Do with _____, (Eph. 1:15a)

B. –Like *God*, Redeemed Hearts are Thrilled with _____, (Lk. 15:20-24)

II. _____ for the Church's Prayer Life, vv. 15-16

A. There are _____ that Inspire our Prayers: *Faith in Christ; Love for the Church*, v. 15

B. There is _____ that Propels our Prayers: *[in] Continual Heartfelt Thanksgiving*, v. 16a

C. There is _____ that Enlightens our Prayers: *the Church's Growth in and Love for Christ*, v. 16b

III. How to be _____ Effective in Prayer

A. –First, Let us _____ –as *Jesus and His Apostles Did*, (Jn. 17:20-21)

B. –Then, Let us _____ God for the Church's Fuller Experience of her Inheritance, (Eph. 1:17 ff.)

Key Verses—vv. 15-16: *"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers . . ."*

NOTES & APPLICATIONS:

Aim: To learn Why and How the church is to Pray