

## ***The Greater Work of the Kingdom***

### **John 14:12-14**

#### Main Point:

Join together with others to pray as you labor for the kingdom of your Savior.

1. As a believer, you get to share in the greater work of the kingdom.

2. This greater work takes place because Jesus has returned to the Father.

3. A pivotal means to accomplishing this greater work is prayer in Jesus' name.

4. Join together with others to pray as you labor for the kingdom of your Savior.

**Ryan McGraw** “He comforted His apostles with the promise that His departure, far from marking the death of all their hopes, would result in extending and perfecting His work through them.”

**J.C. Ryle** “What our Lord has in view seems to be the far greater number of conversions, the far wider spread of the gospel, which would take place under the ministry of the apostles, than under his own teaching.”

**Richard Phillips** “This would rightly seem too good to be true, were it not for the explanation that Jesus gave, an explanation that changes everything in the Christian life: ‘because I am going to the Father’ ...”

**Ephesians 1:20-22** 20 ... He worked in Christ [by His mighty power] when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, (NKJV)

**Romans 8:34** 34 *Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.* (NKJV)

**John 16:7** 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (NKJV)

**Acts 1:14** 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. (NKJV)

**J.C. Ryle** “He that does much for Christ, and leaves his mark in the world, will always prove to be one who prays much.”

**R. Kent Hughes** “The one who wants his sail full of the breeze of the Spirit must have ... perseverance in prayer.”

**D.A. Carson** “Our own feeble efforts participate in the triumph of Christ and the work of his bequeathed Spirit to call forth an innumerable host of new followers of the Savior and Master we are privileged to serve.”