

1. A praying church responds to persecution by united prayer (vs. 23-24a)

"They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

2. A praying church confesses God as the Sovereign Lord (vs. 24b)

3. A praying church recognizes God as the powerful creator (vs. 24c)

"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible." (Hebrews 11:3)

4. A praying church is confident of God's ultimate victory (vs. 25)

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18)

5. A praying church is aware of the opposition (vs. 26)

"Finally be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:10-11)

6. A praying church recognizes the fulfillment of prophecy (v. 27)

7. A praying church is aware that God is always at work (v. 28)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

8. A praying church asks for boldness to speak God's word (v. 29)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8a)

9. A praying church asks for God's miraculous power to be seen (v. 30)

"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know." (Acts 2:22)

10. A praying church receives answers to prayer (v. 31)

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven." (Matthew 18:19)

- A. They experienced a transforming encounter with God

- B. They were filled with the Holy Spirit

"And the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 13:52)

- C. They went out and spoke the word of God boldly

