

**“THE POWER OF A PRAYING CHURCH”**  
**(Great Answered Prayers in the Bible – Week Five)**  
*(Acts 12:1-18)*

**Introduction:** In 43 A.D. Herod was persecuting the church. He had Peter incarcerated and planning to execute him. *(Acts 12:1-4)* The church prayed! *(Acts 12:5-17)*

**I. THEY PRAYED {SPECIFICALLY}!**

*\*Acts 12:5    \*Philippians 4:6    \*James 4:2    \*Acts 12:6-7*

**Note:** Intercessors are praying when their “targets” are not!

**II. THEY PRAYED {FERVENTLY}!**

*\*Acts 12:5    \*Luke 18:1    \*1 Thessalonians 5:17    \*James 5:16    \*Matthew 17:14-21*

**Note:** The greatest demonstration of “fervent” is fasting!

**III. THEY PRAYED {IN UNITY}!**

*\*Acts 12:5    \*Acts 12:12    \*Matthew 18:19-20    \*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

**Note:** A great asset in prayer is a spiritual prayer partner.

**IV. THEY PRAYED {IN UNBELIEF}!**

*\*Acts 12:11-17    \*Luke 17:5    \*Mark 9:17-27    \*Matthew 19:26*

**Note:** Even when faith is small, keep on praying!

**Conclusion:** No matter the hopelessness; the lateness; nor the size of our enemy, God is bigger! *(II Chronicles 16:9a)*