# III. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH

**Acts 12:6-10** And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

CONCLUSION



# **A PRAYING CHURCH**

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#### ACTS CHAPTER 12, VERSES 1-10

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

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Acts 12:5a Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made...

A. U\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer

Acts 12:5b ...but prayer was made without ceasing...

**MEANING:** <u>Without ceasing</u> (Gr. ek-ten-ais) with fervor, earnestness, and perseverance.

**James 5:16b** ... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

B. U\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer

Acts 12:5b ...but prayer was made without ceasing...

# C. U\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer

Acts 12:5b ... of the church unto God for him.

Acts 12:12b ...many were gathered together praying.



## **LIFE GROUP**

Every week on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 7pm Pray at the end of each Bible Study Praying for the church, events, missions, authorities, and one another

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Once a quarter on Saturdays at 8:30am at Polly's Pies Norco

- April 25th
- August 8th
- December 5th

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP/OUTING

Four events per year on Saturdays at 12pm

- ▶ February 29th
- April 18th
- ▶ June 27th
- November 14th

## SUNDAY PM SERVICES

Once a quarter prayer meeting Entire Sunday evening service will be dedicated to prayer

Praying for the church, special events, and shared prayer requests

#### **REVIVAL SUNDAY**

Week before Revival Sunday on March 22nd There will be 4-5 prayer meetings throughout the week Confessing our sins and seeking God, asking Him to revive us again