

“Praying in the New Year”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Intro: What is the first thing you do in the morning? What is the last thing you do at night? And what do you often do throughout the day? Check the time, and/or pray?

I. Praying with imagination

- a. Anticipating good things
- b. Anticipating bad things
- c. Anticipating Christ’s return

II. Praying with desperation

- a. With a sense of urgency
- b. With a need for mercy
- c. With a need for help and wisdom

III. Praying all the time

- a. Daily
- b. Occasionally
- c. Continually

Close: May we begin this new year with prayer. And may we develop the habit, heart, and mindset to pray continually with imagination, desperation, and appreciation to our Father in heaven. Amen.