Devoted to Prayer:
Colossians 4: 2-4

Acts 17: 24-28
The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live…

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

- God has spoken!
- God is listening!
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Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

“Devote yourselves to prayer”
- What does that mean for you?
- What does that look like?

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How are we to understand Prayer?

Hebrews 1: 1-2
In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

If we’re going to embrace a proper vision of prayer we need to look to Jesus
One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'

Father in Aramaic = ‘Abba’
Abba = ‘Papa’ or ‘Daddy’

Jesus says, “When you pray, say: Daddy”

What is Prayer?
Prayer is spending personal, intimate time with a personal, intimate God in building a personal and intimate relationship.
1 John 3:1
How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

Romans 8:15-16
“received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

If our relationship with God is going to grow and flourish there has to be communication!

The ember can only blaze when it’s close to the fire.