

The Way Forward

Believing Prayer

Acts 12:1-19

1. Believing prayer is *specific* in nature (1-5)
 - A. Which precludes *rote* practices
 - B. Which precludes *generalities* of language
 - C. Which precludes *passionless* expression
εκτενωσ (an adverb) – properly, fully-stretched, i.e. describing the verbal idea as extended out, to its necessary (full) potential (“without slack”); strenuously, without undue let up (as “completely taut”)
2. Believing prayer is *expectant* in action (6-19)
 - A. It expects by praying in *faith*, not just *hope* (6-10)
 - B. It expects to *celebrate* with other pray-ers (11-12)
 - C. It expects something better than, “*You’re out of your mind!*” (13-16)