

Main Point: Through faith our prayers declare that God is _____
and God is _____ regardless of the circumstances we see in
front of us.

Point #1: Even when _____ doesn't come, we take faith in
God whose _____ is unchanging.

*"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting
God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable."*
– Isaiah 40:28 ESV

*"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for
good, for those who are called according to his purpose."*
– Romans 8:28 ESV

*"For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the
image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many
brothers."*
– Romans 8:29 ESV

*"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven."*
– Matthew 5:10 ESV

Point #2: Our _____ is what the Lord desires even when
His _____ takes us by surprise

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that he rewards those who seek Him.”
– Hebrews 11:6 ESV

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”
– James 1:17 ESV

Point #3: The Church faces persecution with prayer because it turns our
hearts to _____ God’s character and _____
His presence.

“That there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” – 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 ESV

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.”
– Psalm 139:7-10 ESV