**Pray First** *\*\*Series Graphic\*\**

(1 Timothy 2:1-2)

“I urge, then**, first of all**, that **petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving** be made for **all people**—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”

 You can be **unhappy** about things AND keep **a heart of prayer** about those things.

**Ask.**

(Matthew 7:7-8)

“**Ask** and it will be given to you; **seek** and you will find; **knock** and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who **asks receives**; the one who **seeks finds**; and to the one who **knocks, the door will be opened**.”

1. Keep **Asking**—is prayer.

(Mark 11:24)

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you **ask for in prayer**, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

 **Ask**—then **believe**.

1. Keep **Seeking**—is earnest prayer.

(Matthew 6:33)

“But **seek first** his **kingdom** and his **righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Seeking His kingdom is one of **earnest pursuit**. Seeking his righteousness is one of **obedience**.

(Hebrews 11:6)

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must **believe** that he exists and that he **rewards** those who **earnestly seek him**.”

(Psalm 27:8)

“My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, **I will seek**.”

1. Keep **Knocking**—is actively patient in prayer.

Keep **praying** no matter the **waiting**.

(Matthew 7:8)

“For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, **the door will be opened**.”

(1 Corinthians 16:9)

“because a **great door** for effective work has **opened** to me, and there are many who **oppose** me.”

Asking, seeking, and knocking **build the faith needed** when there is **opposition** to your **open door**.