Prayer Focus

Obviously, there was nothing casual about the way they listened to the apostles’ teaching. They didn’t do it as if they had nothing else to do, or if they were bored. “Well, let’s go along and hear Andrew speaking.” We are told that they were steadfast in being there (as the Authorized Version translates it), or there was a spirit of devotion about their commitment. They devoted themselves to it. Geoff Thomas

ACTS 2:42-43

**42**They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43**Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

* Father, Thank you for those who were so devoted to learning more and more about Jesus and his teachings. Give me the desire to become wiser and more knowledgeable in Your word.
* Help me to retain what I read and study. Let me drink it in and savor it. Don’t let me become lazy and bored, but to keep yearning for more of You.
* Lord, please remind me that I always have prayer as a way to stay in contact with you. It is a conversation that never ends. You are never far from me if I only reach out to You through Jesus.
* Remind me also, Lord, that if I stay humble before You and my brothers and sisters, I will receive Your grace. Your word tells us to refrain from being proud. Help me to remember that as I deal with….
* Father, help me reach out to others when I am feeling afraid, confused or just in need of a friend. Please help them when I do. Give them the compassion and desire to help me or any other who comes to them in need.
* Lord, please remind me to spend time in meditation with You. Let me keep that time a special connection between us so that I can focus on why it’s a necessary part of my daily walk. There can’t be communion or community when there is no connection.
* And Father, I thank you for the ability to come together to sing praises and to have this chance to thank you for all that I have because of the family that I get to share this with. Your design for the church, our elders, leaders and my brothers and sisters is a blessing that I cannot imagine being without.
* Lord, please be with all who are ill and hurting now. Give them quick recoveries, knowledgeable doctors and caregivers, and strength to deal with procedures, appointments and everything they have to go through.
* Father, please be with Ian as he shares Your word with us today. Open our hearts to receive what You have put on his heart to share.

I ask all these things, in Jesus’ name, Amen.