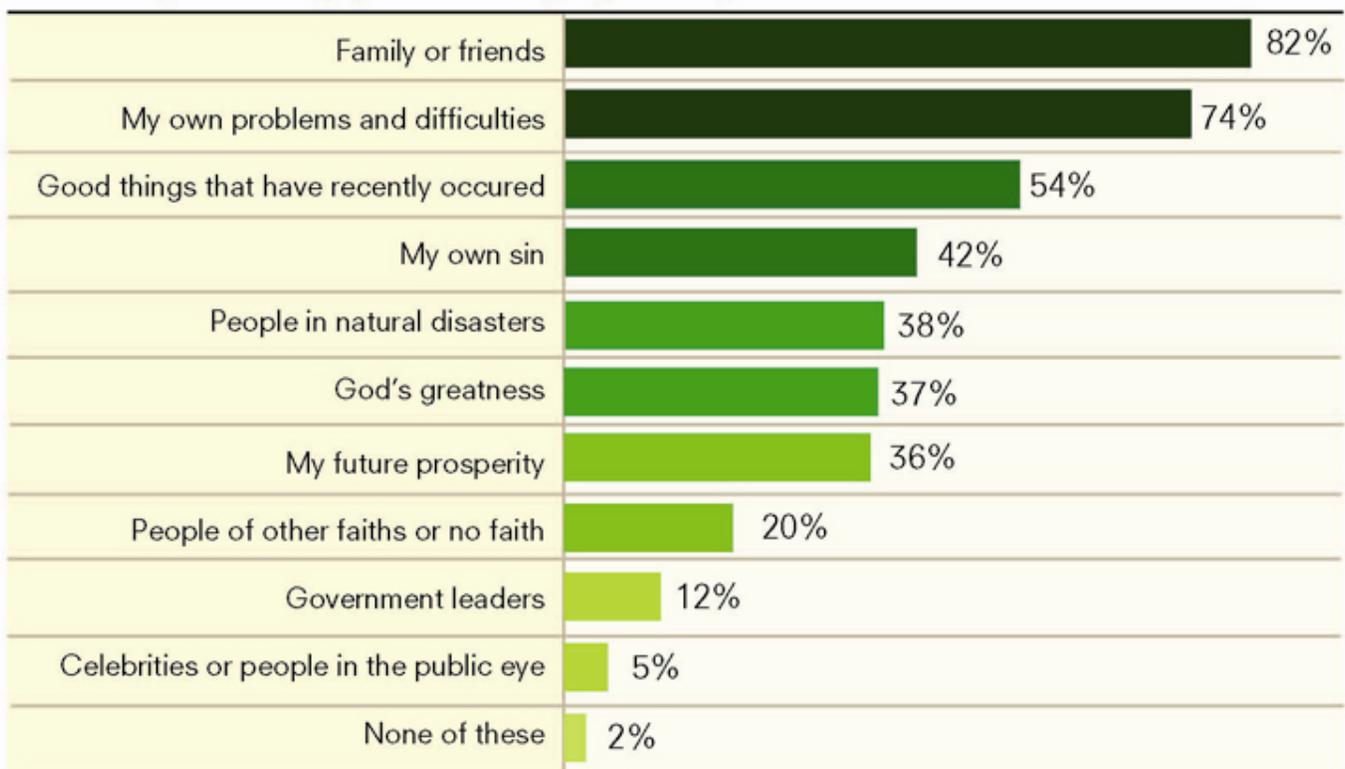


# What do Americans pray for? For themselves? And maybe a sports team?

When Americans aren't busy praying for themselves or their own needs — and most of them are — many are seeking divine intervention on behalf of a favorite sports team or the golden ticket in the lottery, according to a new survey.

*Among Americans who pray:*

## People typically pray for ...



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*Note: Participants could select all that apply*



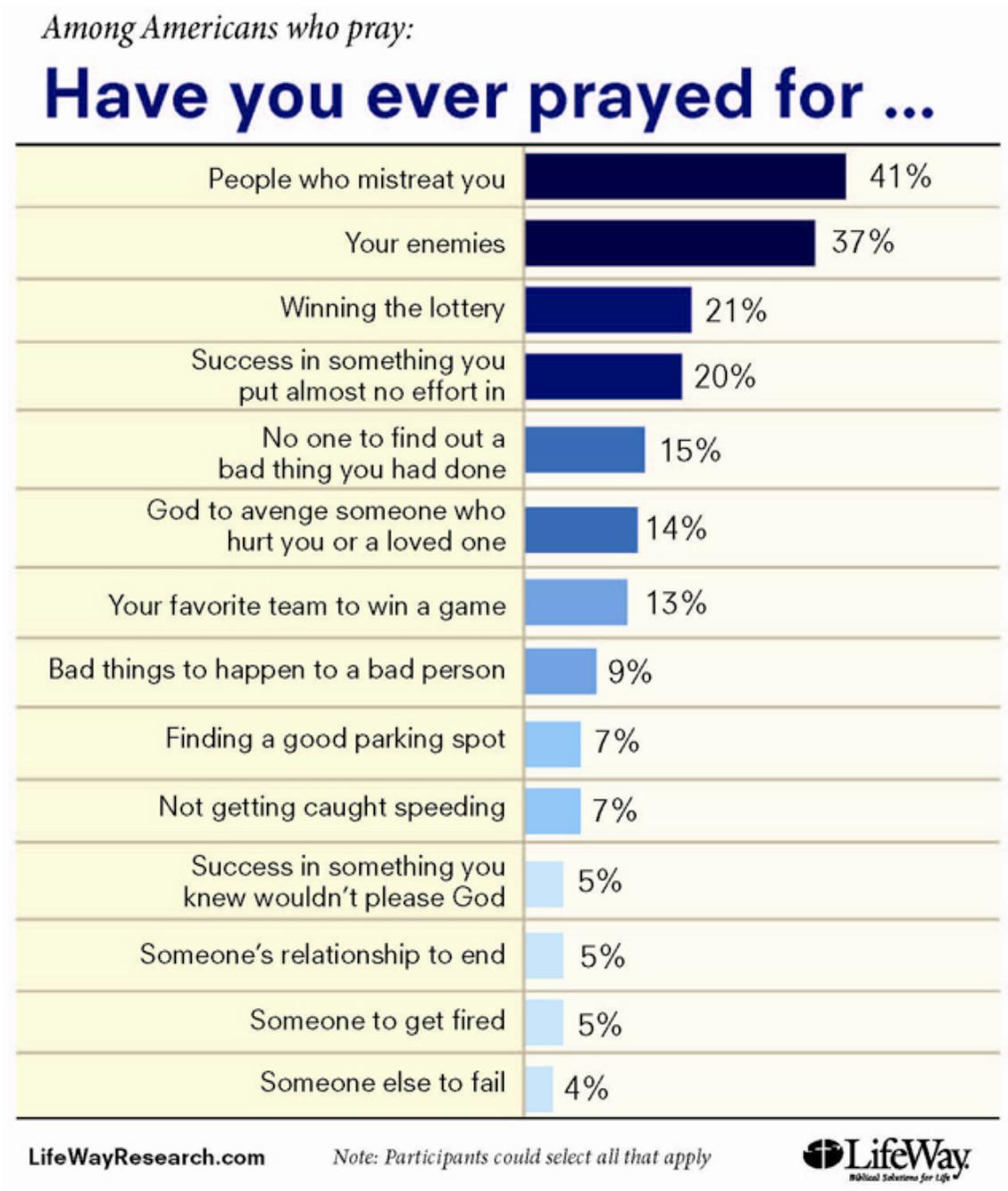
About 13 percent of Americans who pray say they pray for sports teams, compared with about one in five (21 percent) who say they have prayed to win the lottery, the new survey from LifeWay Research suggests.

A survey earlier this year from Public Religion Research Institute suggested that more Americans (26 percent) pray for their sports team, while more than seven in 10 (73 percent) say they have never done this.

Some of LifeWay's new survey's main findings include:

- 48 percent of Americans pray every day
- 82 percent who pray typically pray about family or friends
- 20 percent pray for people of other faiths or no faith
- Equal numbers of Americans (7 percent) pray behind the wheel, either for a good parking space or not to get a speeding ticket
- Smaller numbers of people, around 5 percent, pray for someone’s relationship to end, someone to get fired or for someone else to fail.

In the New Testament, Paul encourages Christians to pray for those in authority. However, only about 12 percent of Americans who pray say they pray for government officials, according to the survey.



Jesus also directs Christians to pray for their enemies. About 40 percent who pray say they have done so, while four in 10 (41 percent) have prayed for people who have mistreated them.

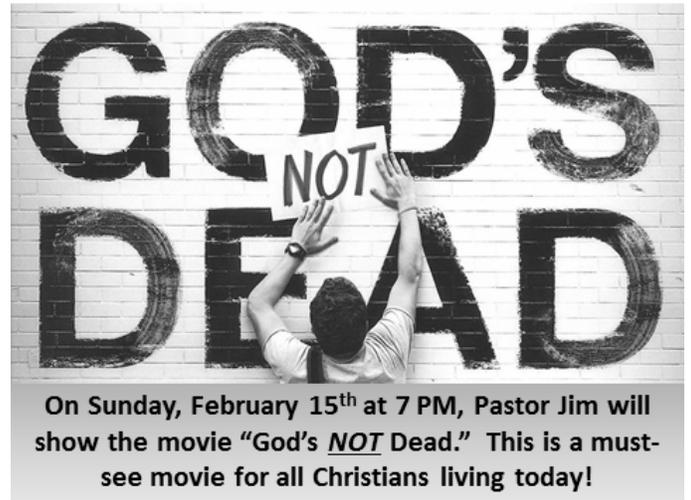
About a third of survey respondents say they pray several times a day, according to the survey. About two-thirds (65 percent) of Americans say they pray at least once a month.

The online survey of 1,137 Americans has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.9 percentage points.

Your Pastor Jim

## Coming Sunday Evening Teaching Events

- On Sunday evening, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jim will show the movie “God’s NOT Dead.” As you and I deal with people who claim “God is dead,” how are we to answer. This movie gives you a wonderful way to approach this important topic. You will thoroughly enjoy this movie. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.



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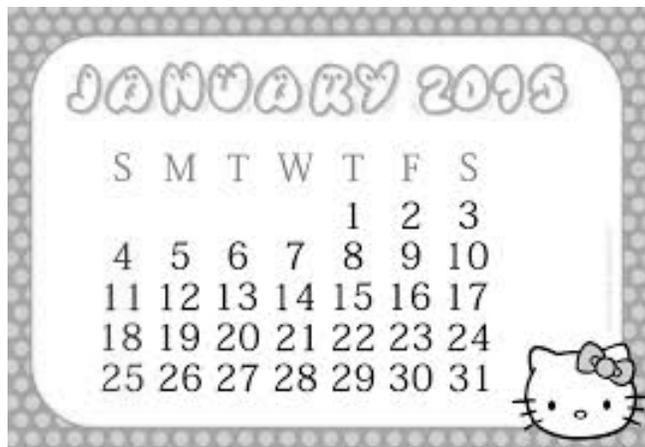
On Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM, Pastor Jim will present the 50 Proofs for the Old Testament.	On Sunday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM, Pastor Jim will present the 50 Proofs for the New Testament.
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- On two evenings, Pastor Jim will give you one hundred extra-Biblical proofs for the truth and accuracy of the Bible. These two classes will give you many resources to witness to the historical evidence that the Bible is trustworthy and true. You won’t want to miss this two-night session.

**There is no cost to attend these Teaching Events and you don’t have to register in advance. These one night sessions would be something great to invite your friends and neighbors to come and join in the study of God’s Word.**

## Walk through the Bible Class for the New Year

Come along for a trip through the Bible, book by book and learn new insights and meanings you may never have seen before. Pastor Jim gives you a thorough over-view of each book, and identifies any connection that Book has with the New Testament. He also shares with you how each book and its prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.



The handout class material will become your personal commentary to that book, along with the extra reading that Pastor Jim provides, will provide insight and understanding for years to come.

### Class Schedule – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the Month

January 13<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm or 7 pm – Finish the study of Isaiah and begin the Book of Jeremiah

January 27<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm or 7 pm – Continue our study of Jeremiah

February 10<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm or 7 pm – Finish Jeremiah and begin the Book of Lamentations

February 24<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm or 7 pm – Continue our study of Lamentations

March 10<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm or 7 pm – Finish Lamentations and begin the Book of Ezekiel

March 24<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm or 7 pm – Continue our study of Ezekiel

April 14<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm or 7 pm – Finish Ezekiel and begin Daniel

April 28<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm or 7 pm – Finish Daniel and begin the Books of Hosea, Joel and Amos

May 12<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm or 7 pm – Continue with Hosea, Joel and Amos

May 26<sup>th</sup> - 1 pm or 7 pm – Finish Hosea, Joel and Amos

Break for the Summer