

**When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God v24**

**They joined together to pray**

**“Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them” v24**

**They reminded themselves of God’s amazing creative power**

**“You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: “ ‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one” v 25-26**

**They reminded themselves of the past**

**“Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.” v27-28**

**They acknowledged that God was in control**

**“Now, Lord, consider their threats and  
enable your servants to speak your word  
with great boldness” v29**

**They prayed that God would make them bold**

**“Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” v30**

**They expected God to work**

**Expect great things from God.**

**Attempt great things for God. William Carey**

**After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. v31**

**God answered their prayers**

**Do we pray...**

**as though we believe God created everything**

**as though we believe God acted in our lives**

**as though we believe God is in command**

**dangerous prayers asking God to challenge us**

**expecting God to act, but ready to do his will**

**expecting that God will answer**