In 1992, I had the opportunity to travel to East Africa to serve a Kenyan church. I was team leader for a short-term ministry group. Difficulties with our boarding passes were experienced at the departure airport of JFK in New York. Upon receiving our tickets at the last minute, I asked the ticketing agent if she knew Jesus or had she ever prayed to Him. She responded, “Of course I have, I pray to all the gods!” She then guided us from the ticket counter to the security screening point, and from there we went to the gate and aircraft. I didn’t know how to respond because her answer took me off guard, but I learn something each time I have conversation with someone. Prayer is important for all of us, and I continually ask the question, “How should I be praying myself?”

**WATCHING AND LISTENING**

I have learned the answer to that question by watching and listening to others … from Captains who cared about me when I was a Flight Attendant in my early years in the airline industry, and then when I was a First Officer in later years. I learned and experienced how to pray while flying when my Captains who were Christians would offer to pray for me during our daily flying schedule. (By the way, we never allowed our prayer time to interfere with our job responsibilities. Despite interruptions, we kept the prayers going until the “Amen.”)

In the Bible, Luke chapter 11, Jesus’ disciples heard Him praying and then asked an excellent question…a “how to” question. “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.” And Jesus did.

**OUR ROLE MODELS**

Jesus prayed a lot. His actions revealed that He knew God, the Father. He was a role model to their daily lives and His routine actions focused on God naturally. So what a great question…the “how to” question, “Will you teach me?”

The Lord’s Prayer is a model prayer for me when praying. And when I add the role models whom I have learned from, I serve God in the hope that I am reflecting God’s love through Christ Jesus without even realizing it. This applies in my personal time, meal times, with my wife, and when I pray for and am with other pilots, flight attendants, ramp personnel, gate agents, and others in many different locations in the airport and at the airplane. The focus is on acknowledging God in all that we do and to trust Him with all our hearts. The more that prayer is learned the more natural it becomes a part of our routine.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

I thank the Lord for Captains who have been wonderful role models for me to grow in my faith. Thank all of you in your different positions in the airline workplace who are wonderful role models and practice your faith in Christ Jesus. God’s blessings to you. EK

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ABOUT US

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling to be “salt and light.” The FCAP ministry is non-denominational. FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

ONLINE FELLOWSHIP/PRAYER

Are you in need of
- Fellowship
- Sharing
- Prayer together with others
- Encouragement in the things of God

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Women’s Fellowship/Prayer Time:
Tuesday, July 14 and 28

Men’s Fellowship/Prayer Time
Tuesday, July 21

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PERSPECTIVE & FOCUS

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God.

The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job, and our relationships with our co-workers.

FCAP’s mission … “To represent Christ in the airlines/aviation industry through meaningful relationships and quality work worldwide.”

FCAP’s purpose … encourages people to know and experience God’s presence with them at work and to trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work.

VALUES

We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job. (Ephesians 6:6)

We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationships with them and looking out for their interests just as we do our own.

We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us. (John 13:35)

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