

# Patriarch Kirill Urges Believers to Attend Church More Often

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TALLINN — Russian Orthodox Church head Patriarch Kirill has urged Estonian believers to attend church more often.

"You can certainly pray at home. Some people say, 'I am a believer, but I don't go to church.' So why is it necessary to attend church?" Kirill said Sunday after a service in a newly consecrated church in the Estonian capital Tallinn.

"Because the Gospel contains very important words: 'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them [Matthew 18:20]," the Russian patriarch, who was on a visit to Estonia, said.

The patriarch said "prayer is hard work" because it is difficult for people to focus on it even in church. But the more believers are united in common prayer, the stronger that prayer is, he said.

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