

# **Praying the Prayers of Paul**

There are many ways the scriptures can be used to deepen our times of prayer. Reading a psalm often helps quiet our spirit as we enter a time of talking with God. Meditating upon a passage that the Spirit has used to comfort or challenge us in the past can help shift our focus from the things of this world to listening for the still small voice of God.

The prayers of the Apostle Paul provide great examples of what it means to advocate for someone before the throne of God. As you think of people you would like to see experience a special blessing, consider using the prayers of Paul to help shape your prayers for them.

## ***2 Thessalonians 1:11-12***

*With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Father, I pray that you will count [NAME] worthy of her/his calling.

I pray that by your power, you may fulfill every good purpose in [NAME] life and every act prompted by their faith.

I pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in [NAME], and [NAME] in you, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## *Ephesians 1:17-23*

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

Glorious Father, I thank you for [ NAME ], and I bless them.

I ask, God, that you give [ NAME ], the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that [ NAME ] may know you better. I pray also that the eyes of [ NAME ] heart may be enlightened in order that [ NAME ] may know the hope to which you, God, have called [ NAME ]. I pray [ NAME ] will know the riches of God's glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is like the working of your mighty strength, which you exerted in Christ by raising Him from the dead and seating Him at your right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power, and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

You placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church.

Fill [ NAME ] with all the fullness of Jesus in every way today.

## ***Ephesians 3:16-20***

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,*

Father, I pray that out of your glorious riches, you will strengthen [    NAME    ] with power through his Spirit in your inner being.

I pray that Christ will dwell in [    NAME    ] heart through faith.

I pray that [    NAME    ], being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

I pray that [    NAME    ] will know this love that surpasses knowledge—that [    NAME    ] may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

## ***Philippians 1:9-11***

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

I pray that [    NAME    ] love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that [    NAME    ] may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.

I pray that [    NAME    ] may be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

## ***Colossians 1:9-12***

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.*

Father,

I have been praying for [ NAME ]. Please fill [ NAME ] with the knowledge of your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

I pray this so [ NAME ] may live a life worthy of the Lord. I pray that [ NAME ] may please you in every way: [ NAME ] will bear fruit in every good work, and will grow in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to your glorious might.

Strengthen [ NAME ] for great endurance and patience. Strengthen [ NAME ] to joyfully give thanks to you, who qualified [ NAME ] to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

## ***1 Thessalonians 1:2-9***

*We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so, you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia — your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore, we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.*

I thank you, God, for [ NAME ]. I thank you for the work produced by the faith of [ NAME ]; the labor prompted by love, and the endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

You chose [ NAME ], because your gospel came with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with deep conviction [ NAME ] became an imitator of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering and welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

Keep [ NAME ] true to faith, and strong in the knowledge of God.

Help [ NAME ] to continue to serve as a model to other believers, full of the joy of God. Keep [ NAME ] heart tuned to you.