

Prayer – Feb. 2, 2021

Praying with Paul in Colossians

Colossians 1:3-5

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel

Take a moment and give thanks for people God has placed in your life to point you to Him, a church which shares God's Word, a nation where your religious liberties are protected

Ask God to remind you to give thanks each day.

Colossians 1:9-12

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Ask God to fill you with a knowledge of HIS will in all areas of your life and our church.

Ask God to make HIS will abundantly clear concerning a building.

Ask God to show you any place that you are not walking worthy of HIS calling. Confess your failure and ask God for strength to live worthy of your calling.

Ask God to grow your knowledge of HIS Word, giving you the strength to live as He desires you to.

Ask God to give you endurance and patience as you face the struggles in life and difficult people God has placed in your life.

Take a few minutes and contemplate the incredible gift of being placed in God's glorious kingdom. Thank God for qualifying you for heaven. Thank God for Jesus and HIS willingness to shed HIS blood for you. Thank God for forgiving you sins, past, present and future.

Colossians 1:23

if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Ask God to make your faith strong, stable and fixed on the truth of the Gospel

Colossians 2:2

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,

Ask God to knit your heart together in love with other believers in our church. Ask God to give you a better and more complete understanding of the mystery of God.

Colossians 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Ask God to show those possessions, relationships and desires which are focusing your eyes on this world. Ask God to give you the strength to turn from them and focus Christ and HIS coming.

Ask God to help you to focus on eternal and heavenly purposes. Ask God to help our church to not get distracted by the temporal but focus on HIS kingdom and purposes.

Colossians 3:8-13

⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator... ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another

Confess the places you have given into anger, slander or filthy language. Ask God to help you renew you with HIS strength and HIS knowledge.

Ask God to show you who you need to show compassion to this week. Ask God to give you the gentleness you need in every situation of your life and the patience need to deal with those difficult people you have your life.

Ask God to show you anyone you need to forgive and the power to truly forgive them.

Colossians 4:2-6

⁴ Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Ask God to help you devote yourself to prayer, keeping alert in it. Ask God to give you the discipline and strength to make prayer a bigger part of your life

Ask God to be wise and to give you the opportunity to share HIS Word and then the courage to boldly share the Gospel with friends, family members or neighbors.

Ask God to fill your words you speak with grace, so that you may edify the people in your life.

Ask God to give you wisdom to answer anyone who ask you for the reason for the faith that is in you.

Ask God to give our church wisdom to know how we can best share Christ with our community who need to trust Him.

Colossians 4:18

I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Ask God to be with those worldwide who are currently in chains because of their faith. Ask Him to give them the strength to endure the suffering they are enduring.