

Prayer Meeting – June 5, 2019

Praying with Paul in Ephesians

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ *Ephesians 1:3-14*

*(take a few minutes and pray the words of Paul as your own, truly pause to contemplate the incredible blessings you have because of God's love and Christ's gift – the words in **bold** have been change to personalize the text)*

³ Praise be to **You my** God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed **me** us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For **You** he chose **me** us in **Jesus** him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in **Your** his sight. In love ⁵ **You** he predestined **me** us to be adopted as **Your** his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with **Your** his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of **Your** his glorious grace, which **You** he has freely given **me** us in the One he loves. ⁷ In **You** him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that **You** he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹ And **You** he made known to us the mystery of his **Your** will according to **Your** his good pleasure, which **You** he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

¹¹ In **You** him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of **You** him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of **Your** his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of **Your** his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Thanksgiving for friends God has given you ***Ephesians 1:14-22***

(take a few minutes and give thanks for the individuals God has placed in your life. Take time to list at least three specific people and pray the following for each of them)

1. _____

2. . _____

3. . _____

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your (***fill in the name for each person***) faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom (***be specific for what wisdom they may need right now***) and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope (***what hope do they need right now, ask God to provide specific hope for their situation***) to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ 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. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:14-22)

Prayer for Power – Ephesians 3:14-20;

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ***(pause for a second and humble yourself – contemplate God’s glory and your sinfulness; plead for God’s forgiveness and seek His glory)*** ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ***(where do you need God’s power in your life right now? Share specific needs)*** ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, ***(with who are you struggling to be “together with”? Ask God to heal the separation and bring you together for His glory and to express His power)*** to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ 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, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
(take a minute and praise HIM for all that HE has done, and all HE will do for you)

Prayer for Boldness in Witness – Eph. 6:19,20

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

(who do wish God would use you to reach with the Good News? Think of three people and pray for the opportunity to share Christ, and the boldness to follow through)

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2. . _____

3. . _____