



Paul's Prayers

Half Week of Prayer 2025

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Paul's BIG prayers for the Christians

Romans 15:5–6, 13

'May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'

2 Corinthians 13:7, 9, 14

'We pray to God that you will not do anything wrong. Our prayer is for your perfection...May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'

Ephesians 1:17–19; 3:16–19

'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... 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 saints, 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 fulness of God.'

Colossians 1:9–12; 2:1–3

'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... I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally... so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.'

Philippians 1:9–11

'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.'

1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; 5:23

'May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones... May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

2 Thessalonians 1:11–12; 2:16–17; 3:5,16;

'We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfil 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. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word... May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance... May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.'

Philemon 6

'I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.'

Hebrews 13:20–21

'May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.'

Paul's thankful prayers for the Christians

Romans 1:8–9

'I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world... God is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times.'

1 Corinthians 1:4–6

'I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you.'

Ephesians 1:15–16

'Ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you.'

Philippians 1:3–5

'I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.'

Colossians 1:3–4

'We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints.'

1 Thessalonians 1:2–3; 2:13–14; 3:9

'We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ... We also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe... How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?'

2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2:13–14

'We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing... We ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ...'

2 Timothy 1:3

'I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.'

Philemon 4–5

'I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints.'

Paul encouraged the Christians to pray

Romans 12:12

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.'

Ephesians 6:18

'Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.'

Philippians 4:6–7

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

Colossians 4:2

'Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.'

1 Thessalonians 3:10–11; 5:16–18

'Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

1 Timothy 2:1–3, 8

'I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour...I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.'

Paul requested prayer from the Christians

Romans 1:10; 15:30–32

'I pray that now at last by God's will, the way may be opened for me to come to you...I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed. The God of peace be with you all...'

Ephesians 6:19–20

'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, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.'

Philippians 1:19–20

'I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death...'

Colossians 4:3–4

'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. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.'

1 Thessalonians 3:1–2; 10–11; 5:25

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith... Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you... Brothers, pray for us.'

2 Thessalonians 3:1–2

'Pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith...'

Philemon 22

'I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.'

Hebrews 13:18–19

'Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honourably in every way. I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.'

Paul's thankful prayer for God

Romans 11:33–36

'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever! Amen...'

Every morning lean your arms awhile upon the windowsill of heaven and gaze upon the Lord. Then with the vision in your heart, turn strong to meet your day.

The seventeenth-century Anglican minister Thomas Blake captured in this verse all that, a hundred years later, the American Congregational minister Austin Phelps referred to as 'The Still Hour' and which, a further hundred years on, was known by evangelical Christians as the 'Quiet Time'.

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