

PRAYERS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL, TOPICALLY ARRANGED

(NASB unless otherwise noted)

1.) FOR GODLY LIVING:

-- 2 Cor. 13:7 "Now we pray to God **that you do no wrong**; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but **that you may do what is right....**"

-- 2 Cor. 13:9 (NIV) "...**and our prayer is for your perfection.**"

-- Phil. 1:9-11 "And this I pray...that you may approve the things that are excellent, **in order to be sincere and blameless** until the day of Christ."

-- Col. 1:9-10 "...we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will...**so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects....**"

-- 1 Thes. 3:12-13 "...may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men...**so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness** before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus...."

-- 1 Thes. 5:23 (NIV) "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 with all His saints."

-- 2 Thes. 1:11 (NIV) "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."

-- 1 Tim. 2:1 "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, **in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.**"

2.) FOR MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS:

-- Rom. 1:9-11 "For God...is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God **I may succeed in coming to you**. For I long to see you in order **that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established.**"

-- Rom. 15:30-31 "Now I urge you, brethren...to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, **that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints....**"

-- Eph. 6:19 "...and pray on my behalf, **that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel....**"

-- Col. 1:10 (NIV) "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord...**bearing fruit in every good work....**"

-- 1 Thes. 3:10 (NIV) "Night and day we pray most earnestly **that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.**"

-- 2 Thes. 1:11 (NIV) "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.**"

-- 2 Thes. 3:1 "Finally, brethren, **pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you.**"

-- Phil. 1:6 (NIV) "I pray **that you may be active in sharing your faith**, so that you will have a powerful understanding of every good thing we have in Christ."

3.) FOR STRENGTHENING:

-- Eph. 3:16-17 (NIV) "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."

-- Col. 1:10-11 (NIV) "And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord...**being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might** so that you may have great endurance and patience...."

-- 1 Thes. 3:13 (NIV) "May He **strengthen your hearts** so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God...."

-- 2 Thes. 2:16 "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father comfort **and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.**"

4.) FOR INCREASED KNOWLEDGE...

A. OF THE LORD

-- Eph. 1:17 (NIV) "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**...."

-- Col. 9-10 "...we have not ceased to pray for you...that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...**increasing in the knowledge of God.**"

B. Of HIS WILL:

-- Phil. 1:9-10 (NIV) "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**...."

-- Col. 1:9 "we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding**...."

C. OF HIS LOVE:

-- Eph. 3:17b-19 (NIV) "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and **to know this love that surpasses knowledge**...."

D. OF THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING:

-- Eph. 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, **so that you may know what is the hope of His calling**...."

E. OF THE RICHES WE HAVE:

-- Eph. 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, **so that you may know...what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints....**"

-- Phil. 1:6 (NIV) "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.**"

F. OF HIS POWER:

-- Eph. 1:18-19 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, **so that you may know...what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.**"

5.) FOR MORE LOVE:

-- Phil. 1:9 "And this I pray, **that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and discernment....**"

-- 1 Thes. 3:12 "...and may the Lord cause you to **increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men,** just as we also do for you."

-- 2 Thes. 3:5 "And **may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God** and into the steadfastness of Christ."

6.) FOR GRACE AND PEACE:

-- 1 Cor. 1:3 "**Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

(Also similarly: 2 Cor. 1:2, 2 Cor. 13:14, Gal. 1:3, Gal 6:18, Eph. 1:2, Eph. 6:23-24, Phil. 1:2, Phil 4:23, Col. 1:26, 1 Thes. 1:1b, 1 Thes. 5:28, 2 Thes. 1:2, 1 Tim. 1:2, 1 Tim 6:21b, 2 Tim 1:2, Tit. 1:4, Phile. 1:3)

-- 2 Thes. 3:16 "Now may the Lord of peace Himself **continually grant you peace in every circumstance.**"

7.) FOR CHRISTIANS TO BE IN ONE ACCORD:

-- Rom. 15:5-6 "Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement **grant you to be of the same mind** with one another according to Christ Jesus; **that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

8.) FOR ISRAEL'S SALVATION:

-- Rom. 10:1 "Brethren, my heart's desire and **my prayer to God for them [Israel] is for their salvation.**"

9.) FOR CHRIST TO DWELL IN OUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH:

-- Eph. 3:14-17 "...I bow my knees before the Father...that He would grant you...to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith....**"

10.) FOR MORE HOPE:

-- Rom. 15:13 "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, **that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**"

11.) FOR THE FULLNESS OF GOD:

-- Eph. 3:17-19 (NIV) "And I pray that you...may have power...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.**"

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