

The Prayers of the Apostle Paul in the NT

Patterns of Prayer -

1. Almost always begin with Thanksgiving
2. Always focus on the inner man - not outward circumstances - He is asking for the church to see and understand God
3. Filled with missional fervor - he wants the church to be about Jesus' business
4. He prays for the church as a community - and about their communion with one another
5. With a clear belief in God's promises

EPHESIANS 1:17–19

Pray for revelation of Jesus' beauty that we might walk in our calling and destiny by God's power.

17That the Father of glory may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may KNOW [experience] what is the hope of His calling [assurance/clarity of God's call for our life], what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints [our destiny as Jesus' inheritance], 19and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

EPHESIANS 3:16–19

Pray to receive the Spirit's power so that Jesus' presence would be manifest in us, so we experience God's love.

16That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17that Christ may dwell [manifest His presence] in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend [experience] with all the saints what is the width and length and depth

and height— 19to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

PHILLIPIANS 1:9–11

Pray for God's love to abound in us by the knowledge of God, resulting in righteousness in our lives.

9That your love may abound still more and more in knowledge [of God] and all discernment, 10that you may approve [rejoice in] the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere [no compromise] and without offense till the day of Christ, 11being filled with the fruits of righteousness.

COLOSSIANS 1:9–11

Pray to know God's will and to be fruitful in ministry and strengthened by intimacy with Him.

9That you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.

ROMANS 15:5–6, 13

Pray for unity in the Church and to be filled with supernatural joy, peace, and hope (confidence).

5May the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another...6that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the...Father...13May 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.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:5–8

Pray to be enriched by all the gifts of the Spirit, including powerful preaching and prophetic revelation.

5That you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance [anointed preaching/singing] and all knowledge [prophetic revelation], 6even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you [by miracles], 7so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of...Jesus Christ, 8who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be

blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:10–13

Pray for the release of grace to bring the Church to maturity, and especially to abound in love and holiness.

10Praying exceedingly that... [God will release His Spirit and grace to] perfect what is lacking in your

faith?... 12And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all... 13that He

may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:11–12

Pray to be worthy (prepared or made spiritually mature) to walk in the fullness of our destiny in God.

¹¹We pray always for you that God would count you worthy of [prepare us for] this calling, and fulfill all

the good pleasure of His goodness [plans for us] and the work of faith with power, ¹²that the name of...Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1–5

That the Word will increase its influence (effectiveness) in the city as God releases His power on it.

¹Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly [rapidly increase its influence] and be glorified [confirmed with

apostolic power and miracles], just as it is with you... ³The Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the

evil one... ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience [perseverance or endurance] of Christ.