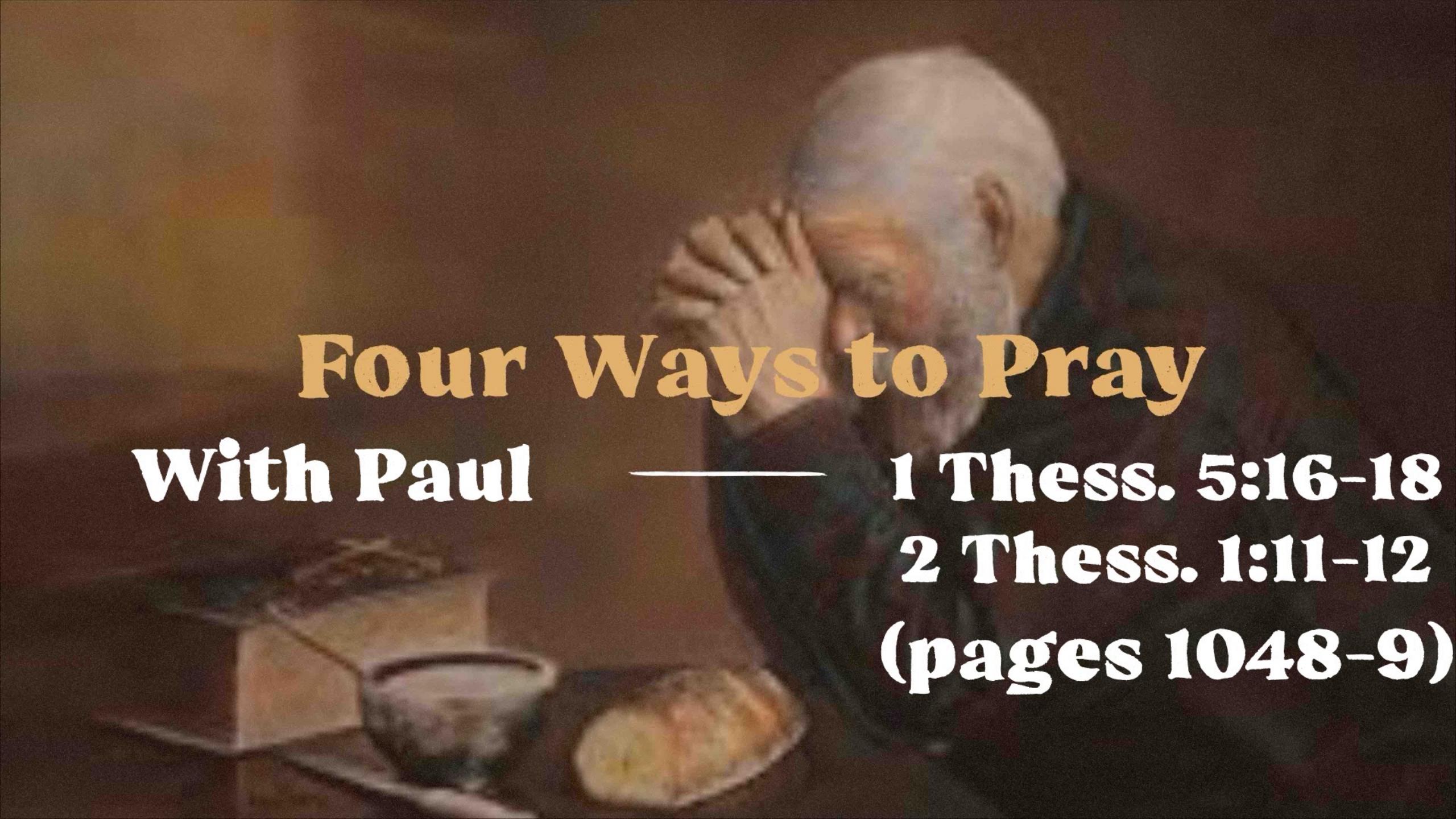


Four Ways to Pray



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With Paul —

1 Thess. 5:16-18

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A Call to Spiritual Reformation

PRAYING
with PAUL



Then I saw the seven angels who stand in the presence of God; seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel, with a golden incense burner, came and stood at the altar. He was given a large amount of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up in the presence of God from the angel's hand.

Revelation 8:2-5

1) What Does Paul Pray For?

52 Verses of “Pray” in Paul

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God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in telling the good news about his Son—that I constantly mention you, always asking in my **prayers** that if it is somehow in God's will, I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I want very much to see you, so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you.

Romans 1:9-11

In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to **pray** for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings.

Romans 8:26

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and **prayer** to God concerning them is for their salvation.

Romans 10:1

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in prayers to God on my behalf. Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

Romans 15:30-31

Do not deprive one another—except when you agree for a time, to devote yourselves to **prayer**. Then come together again; otherwise, Satan may tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:5

But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ. Every man who **prays** or prophesies with something on his head dishonors his head. Every woman who **prays** or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since that is one and the same as having her head shaved.

1 Corinthians 11:3-5

Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman
to pray to God with her head uncovered?

1 Corinthians 11:13

Therefore the person who speaks in a tongue should **pray** that he can interpret. For if I **pray** in a tongue, my spirit **prays**, but my understanding is unfruitful. What then? I will **pray** with the spirit, and I will also **pray** with my understanding. I will sing praise with the spirit, and I will also sing praise with my understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:13-15

He has delivered us from such a terrible death, and he will deliver us. We have put our hope in him that he will deliver us again while you join in helping us by your **prayers**. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gift that came to us through the **prayers** of many.

2 Corinthians 1:10-12

And as they **pray** on your behalf, they will have
deep affection for you because of the
surpassing grace of God in you.

2 Corinthians 9:14

But we **pray** to God that you do nothing wrong—not that we may appear to pass the test, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear to fail. For we can't do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. We rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. We also **pray** that you become fully mature.

2 Corinthians 13:7-9

This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my **prayers**. I **pray** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. I **pray** that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:15-18

For this reason I kneel before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. I **pray** that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I **pray** that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love

Ephesians 3:14-18

Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should.

Ephesians 6:18-20

I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

And I **pray** this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, so that you may approve the things that are superior and may be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

What does it matter? Only that in every way,
whether from false motives or true, Christ is
proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will
continue to rejoice because I know this will
lead to my salvation through your **prayers** and
help from the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:18-19

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice! Let your graciousness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. Don't worry about
anything, but in everything, through **prayer** and
petition with **thanksgiving**, present your
requests to God. And the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

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

Colossians 1:3-4

For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped **praying** for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God,

Colossians 1:9-10

Devote yourselves to **prayer**; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, **pray** also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, so that I may make it known as I should.

Colossians 4:2-4

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. He is always wrestling for you in his **prayers**, so that you can stand mature and fully assured in everything God wills.

Colossians 4:12

We always thank God for all of you, making mention of you constantly in our **prayers**.

1 Thessalonians 1:2

How can we thank God for you in return for all the joy we experience before our God because of you, as we **pray** very earnestly night and day to see you face to face and to complete what is lacking in your faith?

1 Thessalonians 3:9-10

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Brothers and sisters, pray for us also.

1 Thessalonians 5:25

In view of this, we always **pray** for you that our God will make you worthy of his calling, and by his power fulfill your every desire to do good and your work produced by faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

In addition, brothers and sisters, **pray** for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not all have faith.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.

1 Timothy 2:8

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, since it is sanctified by the word of God and by **prayer**.

1 Timothy 4:4-5

The widow who is truly in need and left all alone has put her hope in God and continues night and day in her petitions and **prayers**; however, she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

1 Timothy 5:5-6

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

2 Timothy 1:3

I always thank my God when I mention you in my **prayers**, because I hear of your love for all the saints and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus. I **pray** that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ. For I have great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

Philemon 1:4-7

Meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me,
since I hope that through your **prayers** I will be
restored to you.

Philemon 1:4-7

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15

- 1) What Does Paul Pray For?
- 2) Thanksgiving (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹²Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to give **recognition** to those who labor among you and **lead you** in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³and to regard them **very highly** in love because of their work. **Be at peace among yourselves.**

¹⁴And we exhort you, brothers and sisters: warn those who are idle, **comfort** the discouraged, **help** the weak, **be patient with everyone.**

¹⁵See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray constantly, ¹⁸give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹Don't stifle the Spirit. ²⁰Don't despise prophecies, ²¹but test all things. Hold on to what is good. ²²Stay away from every kind of evil.

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- 2) Thanksgiving (1 Thess. 5:16-18)
- 3) Growth (2 Thess. 1:11-12)

In view of this, we always **pray** for you that our God will make you worthy of his calling, and by his power fulfill your every desire to do good and your work produced by faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

³We ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, since your faith is flourishing and the love each one of you has for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, we ourselves boast about you among God's churches—about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and afflictions that you are enduring.

2 Thess. 1

⁵It is clear evidence of God's righteous judgment that you will be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also are suffering, ⁶since it is just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you ⁷and to give relief to you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels, ⁸when he takes vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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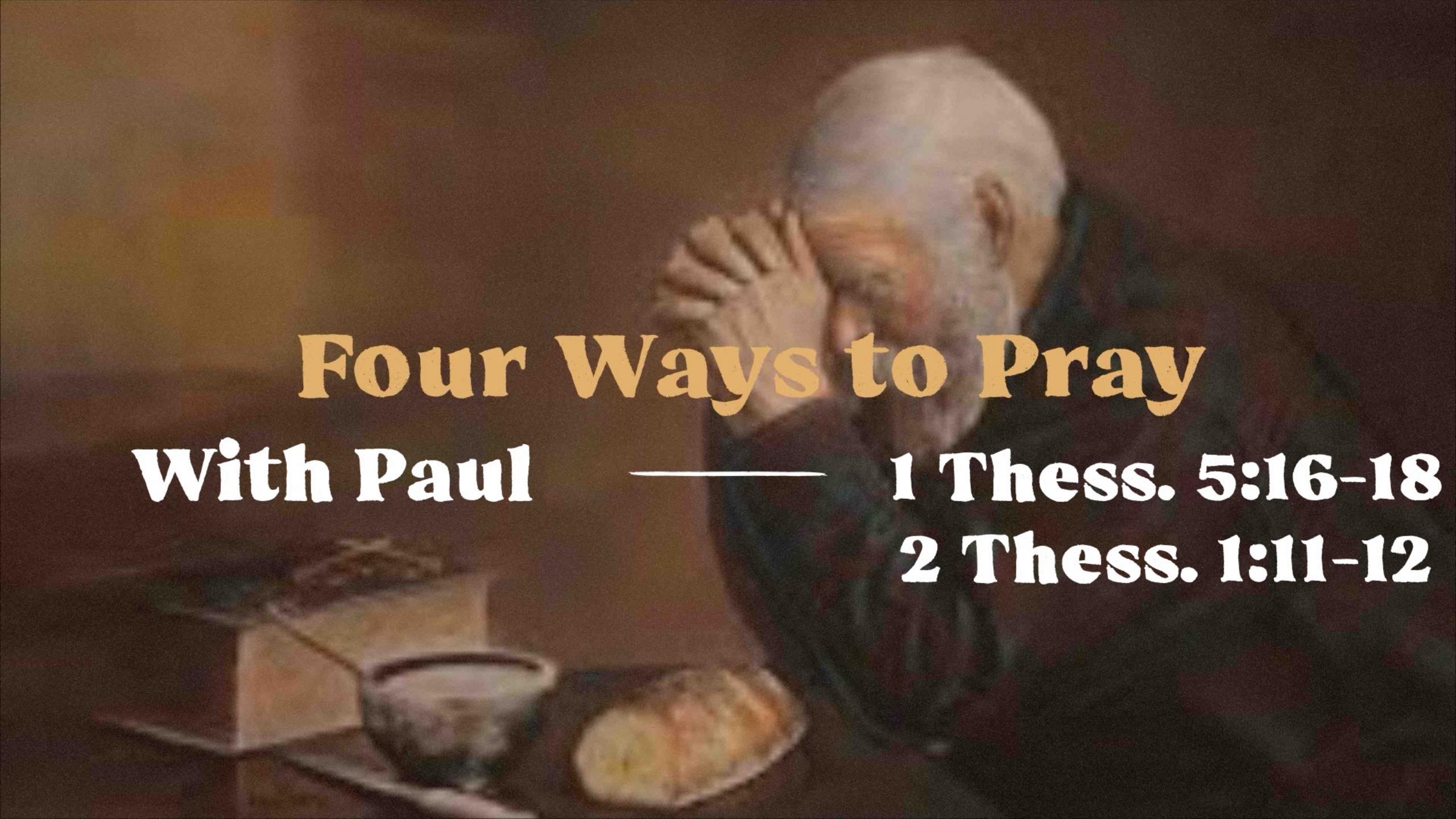
⁹They will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from his glorious strength ¹⁰on that day when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at by all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed.

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¹¹In view of this, we always pray for you that our God will make you worthy of his calling, and by his power fulfill your every desire to do good and your work produced by faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- 1) Use the Bible
- 2) Use the Lord's Prayer
- 3) Pray Honestly
- 4) Thankful for Gospel Growth



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