

FAMILY FIRST
We Love by...Praying for One Another
Ephesians 3:14-21
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We should pray for _____. (vv. 14-15)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

...because we are a _____.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named... (vv. 14-15)

...because our spiritual family is central to _____.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

We should pray for _____. (v. 16)

...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being...

...because it is easy to get _____.

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. (Ephesians 3:13)

So do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16)

...because God gives _____ as only He can.
And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

...because His resources are _____.
...what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 1:19-20)

We should pray for _____. (vv. 17-18)

...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth...

...because love in the Christian life isn't _____.

...and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Romans 5:5)

...because it is God's intent for love to become the _____.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:6-7)

...because love is the result of our inner person being _____ by God's Spirit and Christ _____.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:1-2)

We should pray for _____. (v. 19)

...and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

...because God's power is needed to grasp the _____ of His love.

...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might... (Ephesians 1:19)

...because God's love must not merely be understood _____, it must be _____.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:18-21)

...because maturity in Christ involves _____

*...until we attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...
(Ephesians 4:13)*

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

**NEXT WEEK IN FAMILY FIRST:
We love by...forgiving one another
(Colossians 3:12-17)**

Legend:

We should pray for one another.

...because we are a family.

...because our spiritual family is central to God's plan.

We should pray for power.

...because it is easy to get discouraged.

...because God gives lavishly as only He can.

...because His resources are limitless.

We should pray for love.

...because love in the Christian life isn't automatic.

...because it is God's intent for love to become the basis of our life.

...because love is the result of our inner person being strengthened by God's Spirit and Christ dwelling in our hearts.

We should pray for maturity.

...because God's power is needed to grasp the full dimensions of His love.

...because God's love must not merely be understood intellectually, it must be experienced.

...because maturity in Christ involves becoming what God says you already are.

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