

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority

“We Believe In Prayer”

Ephesians 3:14–19
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We believe in prayer for three reasons. First, because God commands us to pray (Eph. 6:18). Second, because the apostles model prayer (Eph. 1:14). Third, because the God who ordains the ends also ordains the means by which he accomplishes the ends (Eph. 1:11). Prayer is part of his undefeatable plan (3:9). It pleases our sovereign God to move in response to the prayers of his people. Therefore, we happily and frequently ask God the Father, who is sovereign and rich, to grant these four things to our fellow saints:

1. A stronger faith to stand firm against _____ (1-4–16; cf. 6:10).
2. A warmer heart where Christ is “_____” (17a; cf. Gal. 2:20).
3. A deeper understanding of Christ’s _____ (17b–19a; cf. 1:4–5).
4. A greater resemblance to Christ’s _____ (19b; cf. 5:1,2,18).