



Effective Prayers from Ephesians- Prayer I Ephesians 1:15-23

Pray that we may know God.

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

Text Message:

- If we look at the larger introduction to this prayer in Verses 15-16, we see some key foundations to knowing God:
 - 1) They had “faith in the Lord Jesus and... love toward all the saints” (Verse 15).
 - In other words, they were connected to both Jesus, Head of the Church, and Jesus’ Body (the Church).
 - We need both for a solid foundation!
 - 2) The church had ongoing prayer on their behalf (Verse 16).
- Although the church already knew God, the Apostle Paul prayed that they might know Him greater through the Spirit of:
 - 1) Wisdom, that the Church may know what to do.
 - 2) Revelation, that the Church may experience God.

This week’s Prayer Verse to know God:

I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do. Ephesians 1:17, THE MESSAGE

Pray that we might know God’s calling (hope).

^{18a} having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,

Text Message:

- Circle the key word hope. We have been called to hope!
- Two types of Hope:
 - 1) Everyday hope, which is based on desires:
I hope the rain holds off for our picnic!
 - 2) Eternal hope, which is based on destiny:
The hope that God is fulfilling His plan in and for the world.
The hope that Christ will indeed come again.
The hope that we will be resurrected in Christ’s likeness.

This week’s Prayer Verse to know hope:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Pray that we may know God’s power.

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

Text Message:

- Ephesus was a city associated with spiritual powers:
 - 1) Evil spirits (demons), as seen in Acts 19:13-16.
 - 2) Magic arts, as seen in Acts 19:18-19.
 - 3) Worship of the goddess Artemis, as seen in Acts 19:23-27.
- No wonder Paul would later write to the Ephesians:
For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12
- As the Ephesian Church needed God’s power, so do we!

This week’s Prayer Verse to know God’s power:

I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. Ephesians 1:19, The Living Bible



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