

A PRAYER

DECEMBER 30, 2018

Ephesians 3:14-21 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

For this reason

Ephesians 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father,

Ephesians 2:19-22 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

Ephesians 3:12 In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

- *Because of Jesus, we can come to God with freedom and confidence.*
- *God is with you in the middle of your mess.*

I kneel before the Father

- *Prayer should be an act of humble intensity.*

from whom every family in heaven and earth derives its name

Ephesians 3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

- *God is the source of our identity.*
- *God is the source of our authority.*

out of His glorious riches

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,

Ephesians 1:18-19 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.

- *God's riches have no limits!*

strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

- *The Holy Spirit gives us the strength to live with power every day.*
- *Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you for the year ahead.*

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

Ephesians 3:17a so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.

- *Jesus wants to be more than just present in your life. He wants to be completely at home.*
- *Pray for Jesus to be completely at home in your heart.*
- *Pray for someone who needs Christ to dwell in them.*

being rooted and established in love

Ephesians 3:17b-19 And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge

1 John 4:16 (NLT) We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

- *Love is both the fruit and foundation of the Christian life.*

to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

- *God's love is too big to be confined by measurement.*
- *No one is ever outside of the reach of God's love.*
- *Pray for 2019 to be a year marked by love.*
- *Pray that our homes will be places of love.*

filled to the measure of all the fullness of God

Ephesians 3:19 that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

- *Pray for God's direction in 2019.*
- *Too many lost people in Toledo... not enough churches.*
- *Pray for the Calvary Church.*

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us,

- *God is able to do immeasurably more than all you can ask or imagine.*

according to His power that is at work within us

- *God's Power + Our Partnership = Immeasurably More*

to Him be glory

Ephesians 3:21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

- *God wants to be glorified in your life.*