

# Praying for Each Other

## **Some truths about prayer from Colossians:**

Colossians 1:3-4 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—

Colossians 1:9-10 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord ...

Colossians 2:1 I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.

Colossians 4:2-3 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

## **There is a battle in prayer;**

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## **Thankfulness should well up in our prayers**

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Colossians 4:2-3 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and **thankful**.

Colossians 1:12 and giving **joyful thanks to the Father**, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

## **Prayer is powerful and effective**

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## **Keep praying,**

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Colossians 4:2-3 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

## How should we pray for others?

However you feel led by God

Use Paul's prayer as a model to pray for others:

Colossians 1:9-14 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to:

### **fill you with the knowledge of his will**

through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,  
so that you may *live a life worthy of the Lord*  
and please him in every way:

- bearing fruit in every good work,
- growing in the knowledge of God,
- being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might  
so that you may have great endurance and patience,
- and giving joyful thanks to the Father,
  - who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.
  - For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
    - in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
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(Some other prayer models: Eph 1:15-20, Eph 3:14-19, Phil 1:9-11, 1 Thess 3:10-13, 5:23-25; 2 Thess 1:11-12)

### **Action Step:**

Join together to pray for people over the next 30 days

Ask people how you could pray for them

Prayer is the entrance into the stream of God's movement on earth. Prayer is powerful. It matters.

We are invited into a conversational relationship with the greatest being in the universe, who loves us deeply.  
Our prayers affect eternity

Lets created a culture together of people who pray for one another.

God I ask You to draw us in, flood us with a desire to seek You. Through Your light and love, break down any lies about ourselves or You that keep us from prayer. Reveal Your amazing power that is available. Soften our hearts to see our dependency and the privilege of joining with You in struggling for others.