

Pray for the Church

Colossians 1:9-14



COLOSSIANS 1:9 “..., FILL YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL THROUGH ALL THE WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SPIRIT GIVES.”





Colossians 1: 9-14 (NIV)

9 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,¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 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. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*In his letter to the Colossian church, **Paul meditated** on the Colossians' faith in the Lord and their love for the saints and in the spirit, referencing Epaphras as their spiritual influencer/teacher of God's word (vs. 4 and 7). His meditation brought about the revelation that triggered the inspiration to pray for him (Paul) and all the saints (The Church).*



Meditation

One Key Way To Start Praying For The Church.

Psalm 119:15 I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.

Psalm 119:97 Oh, how I love your law!
I meditate on it all day long.

Psalm 119:23. Though rulers sit together and
slander me,
your servant will meditate on your decrees.

Philippians 4:8. Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever
is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable—if anything is
excellent or praiseworthy—think about such
things. 9 Whatever you have learned or
received or heard from me, or seen in me—
put it into practice. And the God of peace will
be with you.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands gently holding a small, upright plant with green leaves and clusters of tiny yellow flowers. The person is wearing a brown and gold patterned garment. The background is a light green and white abstract design with curved lines.

Here Are Five Essential Prayer Points For The Church, Born From A Heart That Deeply Meditates.

- **Knowledge of God's Will**
 - **Wisdom and Spiritual Understanding**
 - **Walking Worthy of the Lord**
 - **Fruitfulness In Every Good Work**
 - **Strengthened With All Might**

Prayer point 1.

Knowledge of God's Will

Colossians 1:9

9. 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...,

Romans 12:2. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Remember The Gethsemane Experience!

Mark 14:35-36. Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."



Wisdom and Spiritual Understanding

Colossians 1:9 b ..., the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives

- ***Prophet Jeremiah understands what it is for a church as one big family or as an individual to lack wisdom and understands that only the spirit gives.***

Jeremiah 8:6-9.

6. I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. None of them repent of their wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Each pursues their own course like a horse charging into battle.

7 Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift, and the thrush observe the time of their migration. **But my people do not know the requirements of the Lord.**



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God's Requirements such as:

Psalms 37: 3-7

3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.



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Jeremiah 8:8-9.

8 “How can you say, “We are wise, for we have the law of the Lord,” when actually the lying pen of the scribes has handled it falsely?

9 The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of the Lord, what kind of wisdom do they have?

. How far...? We have all seen where our human wisdom has landed us, don't we?

Romans 1:28

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;



Prayer point 3

Walking Worthy of the Lord

Colossians 1:10. 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

Matthew 5: 13-16.

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



Fruitfulness In Every Good Work

Colossians 1:10 b ..., bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

- ***Paul prayed faithfully for the church at Philippi***

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.



Strengthened With All Might

Colossians 1:11 Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

Isaiah 40:29-31 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 29:11 The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.





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