

PRAYER IN PAUL'S LIFE AND LETTERS / *Philippians 1:4*

For Opportunities to Minister

Romans 1:10	One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you.
Philippians 1:19	For I know that as you pray for me and as the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will all turn out for my deliverance.
Colossians 4:3	Don't forget to pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to preach about his secret plan—that Christ is also for you Gentiles. That is why I am here in chains.
1 Thessalonians 3:10	Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill up anything that may still be missing in your faith.

For Knowledge and Insight for Believers

Ephesians 1:18-19	I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the wonderful future he has promised to those he called. I want you to realize what a rich and glorious inheritance he has given to his people. I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of his power for us who believe him.
Philippians 1:9	I pray that your love for each other will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in your knowledge and understanding.
Colossians 1:9	So we have continued praying for you ever since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what he wants to do in your lives, and we ask him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom.

For Progress and Growth for Believers

2 Corinthians 13:9	We are glad to be weak, if you are really strong. What we pray for is your restoration to maturity.
1 Thessalonians 3:13	As a result, Christ will make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy when you stand before God our Father on that day when our Lord Jesus comes with all those who belong to him.

For the Believers to Live Holy Lives

2 Corinthians 13:7	We pray to God that you will not do anything wrong. We pray this, not to show that our ministry to you has been successful, but because we want you to do right even if we ourselves seem to have failed.
Colossians 1:10	Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and you will continually do good, kind things for others. All the while, you will learn to know God better and better.
2 Thessalonians 1:11	And so we keep on praying for you, that our God will make you worthy of the life to which he called you. And we pray that God, by his power, will fulfill all your good intentions and faithful deeds.

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For the Believers to Persevere

Romans 12:12	Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and always be prayerful.
Colossians 4:2	Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.
Colossians 4:12	Epaphras, from your city, a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident of the whole will of God.

To Encourage the Believers

Ephesians 1:16	I have never stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly.
Ephesians 3:16, 19	I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.
Colossians 1:3	We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 1:2	We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.

For the Spread of the Gospel

Romans 10:1	Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is that the Jewish people might be saved.
Ephesians 6:19	And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words as I boldly explain God's secret plan that the Good News is for the Gentiles, too.
2 Thessalonians 3:1	Finally, dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.
Philemon 6	You are generous because of your faith. And I am praying that you will really put your generosity to work, for in so doing you will come to an understanding of all the good things we can do for Christ.

For Others

Philippians 1:4-5	I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.
1 Timothy 2:1	I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks.
2 Timothy 1:3	Timothy, I thank God for you. He is the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.
Philemon 4	I always thank God when I pray for you, Philemon.