

Praying The Prayers Of Paul

We are all disciples of the apostle Paul, whose inspired writings are still making eternal impact on our lives. As he prayed for his disciples in the churches of Ephesus, Colosse, Philippi, and Thessalonica, he asked God to do what only God could do, to take the written word and make it a living epistle in thier transformed lives. You passionately entreat our Father concerning the spiritual lives of many people for whom you are concerned that they keep growing up to maturity in Christ. God will delight to answer the desires of His own heart as you pray His own words for them. Theses are personalized, paraphrased scriptures which are powerful swords of the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:17-23

Glorious Father, I thank you for _____, and I bless them.

- I ask You to give _____ the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that _____ may know You better.
- Enlighten the eyes of _____'s heart, so that they may know
 - the hope to which You have called them,
 - the riches of Your glorious inheritance in the saints,
 - and Your incomparably great power for them because they believe, the power of the resurrection and the ascension which seated Jesus at Your right hand where He is above all rule and authority, and power and dominion in this world, and all things are under His feet.

Fill _____ with all the fullness of Jesus in every way today.

Ephesians 3:15-20

I call You Father, and I pray

- that from Your glorious riches You will strengthen _____ with power through Your Spirit in their inner being,
- that Christ may dwell in _____'s heart through faith,
- that _____ will be rooted and established in love,
- that _____ may have power, with all the saints, to grasp how wide and high and deep is the love of Christ,
- that _____ will know this love that surpasses knowledge,

• that _____ will be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
I give You all the glory, for You are able to do immeasurably more than all I ask or imagine, according to Your power that is working within us.

Philippians 1:9-11

I pray

- that _____'s love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
- that _____ may be able to discern what is best, and
- that _____ may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,
- that _____ may be filled with the fruit of righteousness through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God.

Colossians 1:9-12

Father, I pray

- that You will fill _____ with the knowledge of Your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
- that _____ may live a life worthy of You, Lord,
- that _____ may please You in every way,
- that _____ will bear fruit in every good work,
- that _____ will grow in the knowledge of You,
- that _____ will be strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might,
- that _____ may have great endurance and patience,
- that _____ will joyfully give thanks to You, Father, who has qualified them to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Today by Your Spirit make real all their inheritance in Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

God, I pray

- that You will count _____ worthy of Your calling,
- that by Your power You may fulfill every good purpose in _____'s life and every act prompted by their faith.

I pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in _____, and they in You, according to Your grace.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-9

I always thank You, Father, for _____, as I bring them to You in prayer.

Continue to stir up in them

- work produced by faith,
- labor prompted by love, and
- endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cause _____ to know that they are loved by You and especially chosen of You.

Cause the gospel to take root in their lives and go forth from them

- not in words only,
- but also with power,
- with the Holy Spirit, and
- with deep conviction.

Cause _____

- to keep their eyes on the Lord Jesus and become imitators of Him,
- to have joy as only the Holy Spirit can give, and
- to model Christ with their lives to a watching world, that their faith in You might become known to the ends of the earth.

Keep _____ actively serving only You, the living true God. Keep _____'s heart turned to You so that they will recognize the snare of idols and consciously choose to have nothing in their lives that rivals You.