

**Father Illuminate Your Word in My Heart
That I May Reflect the Love of Jesus
All the Days of My Life.**



Sanctify (set apart as holy) them by the truth; Your word is truth.

John 17:17

Prayer Patterns from Paul Colossians 1:3-14

³We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, ⁵which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

⁶This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

⁷You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. ⁸He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

⁹So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. ¹⁰Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

¹¹We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, ¹²always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

In this passage we see how Paul prays for other believers, and we can draw several points from this small passage on how God desires us to intercede for others. The beauty of scripture is that it is intended to be personalized. So, we can turn these around and direct them to ourselves or add a specific name to pray for a loved one.

Example based on verses 9 & 11.

Heavenly Father, I pray for Sam to gain spiritual wisdom and understanding during this trial. Father grant her great endurance and patience as she seeks Your will and awaits your perfect timing in this matter. Father strengthen her in Your glorious power and fill her with Your joy. In Jesus' name.

Scripture is given not only to teach us but it is filled with promises from God to claim (or declare) in prayer - over our lives and the lives of those we love.

The following selections contain examples of how to personalize the prayer points from Colossians 1:3-14

How To Pray for Other Christians from Colossians 1:3-14

- **Be thankful for their faith and their changed life. (v 3-4)**
- **To understand what God wants them to do. (God's will for them) (v 9)**

A Prayer Example for Someone Else.

Heavenly Father,

I thank You for the gift of salvation and the transformation You have worked in _____ life. You have brought _____ from darkness into Your marvelous light, and I am forever grateful. Help _____ to continually seek Your will and walk in the purpose You have designed for _____. Open _____ heart to understand what pleases You, and guide _____ 's steps in wisdom and obedience. May _____ life be a testimony of Your grace, reflecting Your love and truth to the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **Live to honor and please God. (v 10)**

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." — 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

A Prayer Example for Yourself

Heavenly Father,

I desire to live a life that honors and pleases You in all I do. Help me to align my thoughts, words, and actions with Your will. Give me the strength to resist temptation, the wisdom to make godly choices, and the humility to serve others with love. May my life bring glory to Your name, and may everything I do reflect Your goodness and grace. Lead me by Your Spirit so that I walk in obedience and faithfulness each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **To gain spiritual wisdom and understanding. (v 9)**
- **To produce every kind of good fruit in their lives. (v 10)**
- **To grow more and more in their knowledge of God. (v10)**

A Prayer Example for Someone Else

Heavenly Father,

I ask for Your divine wisdom and understanding to fill _____ heart and mind. Help him/her to discern Your will and walk in Your truth daily. May _____'s life be fruitful, reflecting Your love, grace, and righteousness in all he/she does. Teach _____ to grow deeper in his/her knowledge of You so that his/her faith may be strong and _____'s life be a testimony of Your goodness. Guide him/her in every step, that he/she may bring glory to Your name and live in a way that pleases You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **To be strengthened in His glorious power. (v 11)**
- **To have great endurance and patience. (v 11)**
- **To be filled with joy. (v 11)**

A Prayer Example for Yourself

Heavenly Father,

I ask for Your glorious power to strengthen me in every area of my life. When challenges arise, grant me endurance to persevere and patience to trust in Your perfect timing. Fill my heart with joy that comes from knowing You, regardless of my circumstances. May my life be a reflection of Your strength, peace, and gratitude. Thank You for sustaining me each day and for the joy that comes from walking with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **To always give God thanks. (v 12)**

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." — 1
Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

A Prayer Example for Yourself

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your endless love, grace, and faithfulness. No matter what I face, help me to maintain a heart of gratitude, knowing that You are always in control. Teach me to see Your blessings in every season and to trust that You are working all things for my good. May my life be a continual offering of thanksgiving, glorifying You in all that I do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thanking God for These Blessings in Christ Jesus.

Prayer Points from Colossians 1:3-14 plus supporting scripture and prayer.

Share in His inheritance. (v 12)

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for He chose us in advance, and He makes everything work out according to His plan. (Ephesians 1:11)

- **Prayer for Trust in God's Sovereign Plan**

Heavenly Father, I thank You for choosing me in Christ and for the inheritance You have prepared for me. Help me to trust in Your perfect plan, even when I don't understand the path ahead. Strengthen my faith to rely on Your wisdom, knowing that You are working all things together for my good. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **Prayer for Walking in Our Inheritance**

Lord, I rejoice that I am united with Christ and have received a divine inheritance. Help me to walk in the fullness of all You have promised me. Open my eyes to understand my identity in You and to live in a way that honors Your calling. Let my life reflect Your purpose and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Rescued from Satan's kingdom. (v 13)

In this way, He disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by His victory over them on the cross. (Colossians 2:15)

- **Prayer for Victory in Christ**

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the victory Christ won on the cross, disarming every power of darkness. Help me to stand firm in this victory, knowing that no weapon formed against me shall prosper. Strengthen my faith to walk in the authority You have given me through Jesus. In His mighty name, Amen.

- **Prayer for Boldness and Freedom**

Lord, I praise You for triumphing over the enemy and setting me free from bondage. Fill me with boldness to live as a conqueror, unshaken by fear or intimidation. Help me to walk in the freedom You purchased for me and to declare Your power and goodness to those around me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Gift of the eternal Kingdom. (v 13)

God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. (Ephesians 1:5-6)

- **Prayer of Gratitude for Adoption into God's Family**

Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your amazing love in choosing to adopt me into Your family through Jesus Christ. It brings me great joy to know that this was Your desire and pleasure. Help me to always live in the confidence of being Your child, embracing the identity and love You have given me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **Prayer for a Heart of Praise for God's Grace**

Lord, I praise You for the glorious grace You have poured out upon me through Jesus. Your grace is more than I deserve, yet You lavish it upon me freely. Fill my heart with continual gratitude and worship, that I may always acknowledge and reflect Your goodness in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

He purchased freedom and judgement with His blood. (v 14)

With His own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—He entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. (Hebrew 9:12)

- **Prayer of Thanksgiving for Redemption**

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the precious blood of Jesus that was shed for my redemption. Thank You that I am no longer bound by sin, but I have been set free through His perfect sacrifice. I rejoice in the eternal salvation secured for me, and I pray that I will always walk in the fullness of this redemption, honoring You in all that I do. Amen.

- **Prayer for Deeper Revelation of Christ's Sacrifice**

Lord Jesus, help me to fully grasp the power of Your sacrifice and the depth of love displayed on the cross. Let this truth shape my faith, strengthen my walk with You, and deepen my commitment to live a life that reflects Your grace. May I never take for granted the price You paid, and may my heart always remain in awe of Your redeeming love. Amen.

Forgiveness of sin. (v 14)

He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. (Ephesians 1:7)

- **Prayer of Gratitude for God's Grace and Forgiveness**

Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your rich kindness and grace that You have poured out through Jesus Christ. Thank You for purchasing my freedom with His precious blood and forgiving all my sins. Help me to always live in gratitude for this amazing gift and to walk in the freedom You have given me. Amen.

- **Prayer for a Heart of Mercy and Grace** *Lord, as You have shown me kindness, grace, and forgiveness, help me to extend the same to others. Fill my heart with Your love so that I may forgive freely, just as I have been forgiven. Let my life be a reflection of Your grace, and may I always point others to the redemption found in Christ. Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Word

Heavenly Father, I come before You with a heart full of gratitude. Thank You for giving me everything I need in Your Word to pray, live, and walk in a way that honors You. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105), guiding me in truth and righteousness.

Thank You, Lord, that through Scripture, You have equipped me for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Your promises strengthen me, and Your commands lead me in the way everlasting (Psalm 32:8). I am grateful that I lack nothing because You supply all my needs according to Your riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Father, let my heart delight in Your Word, meditating on it day and night (Joshua 1:8). Help me to pray according to Your will, knowing that when I ask in alignment with Your Word, You hear me (1 John 5:14-15). Thank You for the privilege of knowing You through Scripture and for the power of Your living Word in my life.

May my life bring glory to You as I walk in obedience and trust in Your unchanging truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.