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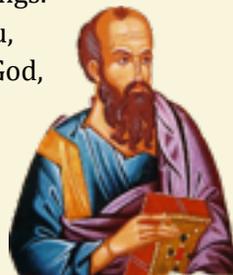
Increasing love in knowledge and depth of understanding	Phil 1:9
A discernment of what is best	Phil. 1:10
Purity and blamelessness until Christ returns	Phil 1:10
Fullness of the fruit of righteousness	Phil. 1:11
Fullness of the knowledge of His will in order to walk worthy through spiritual wisdom and understanding which results in	
•Bearing Fruit	
•Increasing in the knowledge of God	
•Strength in God's power resulting in	
steadfastness	
patience	
joyous thanksgiving	Col. 1:9-12
Opportunity for Evangelism	Col. 4:3
Stand firm	
Mature	
Fully assured	Col. 4:12
Increasing love for other Christians and all men	1 Thes. 3:12
Heart established in blameless holiness	1 Thes. 3:13
Life will result in God's approval	2 Thes. 1:11
Acts of service will be effective	2 Thes. 1:11
God glorified through life and service	2 Thes. 1:12
Comfort and strength from God	2 Thes. 2:16-17
Guidance in	
God's Love	
Christ's steadfastness	2 Thes. 3:5
Peace from God	2 Thes. 3:16

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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.

Colossians 4:12

The Apostle Paul
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Paul's Prayers for the Churches

An Outline from *The Pauline Epistles*

Paul's prayers can be broken down into two basic categories: thanksgivings and requests. In the thanksgivings Paul is expressing gratitude to God for His work in the lives of others while in the requests he is asking for God's continued working in those believer's lives.

Thanksgivings

Faith - The energetic work produced by faith	Col. 1:4; 1 Thes. 1:3
Love - The hard labor produced by love	Col. 1:4; 1 Thes. 1:3
Hope - The endurance produced by hope	Col. 1:5; 1 Thes. 1:3
The presence and use of "grace" gifts	1 Cor. 1:3-8
Our partnership with God and others in the gospel	Phil. 1:3-5
The testimony of their faith	Rom. 1:8

Requests

My own use of gifts to produce growth in others	Rom. 1:11-12
Mutual encouragement from each others gifts	Rom. 1:12
Fullness of joy and peace which comes from faith resulting in abounding hope through the power of the Holy Spirit	Rom. 15:13
Realization of the working of God's grace	1 Cor. 1:4
Peace within as the result of God's grace	1 Cor. 1:4
Reception of the spirit of wisdom and revelation in order to have an intimate knowledge of God	Eph. 1:17
Specific knowledge of: The hope of His calling The glory of His inheritance The greatness of His power	Eph. 1:18-23
Strengthened by the power of the Spirit in the inner man so that Christ will dwell (be at home) in our hearts and that as we are rooted and grounded in love we may comprehend the wisdom of God the love of Christ and thus be filled with the fullness of God	Eph. 3:14-19

Pray continually!

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Ephesians 1:15-19

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 3:14-22

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:3-6

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 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.

Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Colossians 1:3-6

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 the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you.

Colossians 1:9-12

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may 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 joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Colossians 4:2

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

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1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 3:10-13

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.