

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

PLP-01 "OUR GREAT SHEPHERD: Our Response"

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PHIL 1:9-11 [Voice Translation] *Here's what I pray for you: Father, may their love grow more and more in wisdom and insight, **SO THAT** they will be able to examine and determine the best from everything else. And on the day of the Anointed One, the day of His judgment, let them stand pure and blameless, filled with the fruit of righteousness that ripens through Jesus the Anointed. All this I pray, with a view to God's ultimate praise and glory.*

God's people, need prayer. Throughout Paul's writings he continually presents his **Prayers for the Believers** in each Church. Many times his prayers include a **"so that..."** clause.

Paul prayed **"these things"** in order that **"this"** would be released in the Saints

His teaching and instruction were, of course, the primary purpose of each of his **LETTERS**.

But Paul also knew that there was **"great potential"** within every Believer. And **"prayer"** was one of the keys that would release God's power in their lives.

REMEMBERING ...

EPH 1:15-16 *Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, **making mention of you in my prayers**:*

Consistently Paul used the words: Remember; Remembering, Mentioning; Making Mention...

These all come from the root words: **"Mneuo / Mnemoneuo"**
"To build a memorial / to bring to remembrance / a monument"

- Paul built a memorial in his mind and heart to bring to remembrance the Saints so that he would PRAY for them...

- These prayers took the form of Thanksgiving OR a Desire for them to grow in Christian grace and maturity

AN EXAMPLE

COL 4:12-13 *Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*

¹³ *For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.*

Paul was witness to the intensity of concern and prayer that Epaphras offered on a consistent basis for the Church in Colosse

- Epaphras was **"their"** minister (COL 1:7-8)
- He was with Paul in Rome – (nearly 1,500 miles away)
- His **"work / labor"** for them was... PRAYER
- He **"wrestled/agonized"** in prayer for the Believers in Colosse
- His Prayer... *not just the teaching he had done when he was present ... was **to bring them to maturity and fruitfulness***

I believe, this was a pattern he had learned from the Apostle Paul...

COL 1:9 *"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding..."*

Paul's Prayers For the Saints:

GALATIANS 4:19 ROMANS 15:5-6 15:13 15:30-32

1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9 EPHESIANS 1:15-21 3:14-19

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11 COLOSSIANS 1:9-11 1:28-29 2:1; 5

1 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13 2 THESSALONIANS 1:3-4 1:11-12

PHILEMON 4-6