

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-33 “A Request For Prayer”

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ROM 15:30-32 “I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,³¹ that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,³² so that by God’s will, I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

As we have seen, Paul prayed, A LOT! He believed that God was able to accomplish “in, for, and through” the Believers what he was not able. But to accomplish his mission, he also knew he needed more than his own strength, more than his fortitude, more than his personal anointing. He needed the prayers of others!

ROM 15:30-32

- **I appeal by our Lord Jesus Christ... and by the love of the Spirit... - “Parakalein” - to challenge / encourage**
- **Strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf... - To join in my wrestling against my opponent - through their prayers**
- **THAT I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea... - remove from danger - Jewish Leaders opposed to Jesus the Messiah**
- **And that my service [ministry] to the Saints ... may be successful... - Paul was bringing an offering to open the door to unity**
- **SO THAT by God’s will... - This can only happen by God’s purpose**
- **I may come to you... and be refreshed... -**

This was not Paul’s only request for prayer. Paul was not shy to ask the Believers to include him in their prayers. He needed their agreement...

EPH 6:19-20 “[Praying] also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

- **THAT Words may be given... - For God to freely give to me...**

- **Open my mouth boldly... THAT I may declare it boldly... - confidence to speak freely - confidence to freely explain**
- **Proclaim the “mystery” of the Gospel... - Jew and Gentile brought into ONE Body by faith in the “completed work” of Jesus Christ**
- **As I ought to speak... - What needs to be said... what is required**

COL 4:3-4 “At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.”

- **THAT God may open a door for the Word... - Paul depended on God to “open or close doors” - to grant the opportunity [REV 3:7-8 ; ACTS 14:27; 1 COR 16:9; There may be opponents 1 THESS 2:17-18]**
- **To declare the mystery of Christ... - to freely explain the grace of The Gospel to both Jew and Gentile**
- **THAT I may make it clear... the message must be made apparent / manifest / easily seen and revealed**
- **As I ought to speak... - - What needs to be said... what is required**

2 THESS 3:1-2 “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may [make diligent progress] and be honored, as happened among you,² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.”

- **THAT the Word of the Lord - The Gospel of Jesus Christ**
- **May [make diligent progress] ... - That his words would be able to advance through their unbelief and produce faith for Salvation [Acts 13:10; 16:14-15]**
- **And be honored... - To be accepted with esteem for what it is...**
- **And THAT we may be delivered... - Those who oppose the Gospel attempt to hinder the message and its work**
- **For not all have faith... -**

PHIL 22 “At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.” Prepare a room for me... -

- **For I am hoping... through your prayers... -s**
- **THAT I be graciously given to you... -**