

Teach Us to Pray

A Prayer for Power ~ Ephesians 1:15 - 23
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Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. Ephesians chapter 1 verses 15 - 17 (895)

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called, His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance. Ephesians chapter 1 verse 18 (895)

- “hearts” - the place of deep thought, understanding
- “flooded with light” - that God chases away every bit of darkness (faulty thinking!)
- “hope” - a confident expectation, NOT pie-in-the-sky wishing! A quiet assurance that because God is God, He can & will do what He promised!
- ***Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him.***
Psalm 62 verse 5 (440)

Hope...

- ***I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.***
Philippians chapter 1 verse 6 (899)
- ***God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.”***
Hebrews chapter 13 verse 5 (928)
- ***When troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow....*** *James chapter 1 verses 2 - 4 (930)*
- ***We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.***
Romans chapter 8 verse 28 (863)
- ***I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.***
Philippians chapter 4 verse 13 (901)

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians chapter 1 verses 19 & 20 (895)

A Plan to Thrive!

Realize God will put us in very uncomfortable places, so we recognize we're powerless & we admit we need His power

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.
1 Corinthians chapter 4 verse 20 (872)

Stop hiding your weaknesses, stop pretending to have it all together!

Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time He said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

2 Corinthians chapter 12 verses 8 & 9 (888)

Ask LOTS of people to pray for you & your needs!

We keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of His call. May He give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. *2 Thessalonians chapter 1 verse 11 (908)*

Refuse to live in fear!

God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. *2 Timothy chapter 1 verse 7 (914)*

Stop making excuses!

By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. *2 Peter chapter 1 verse 3 (938)*

Next weekend: A Prayer of Thanks - Jude 1:20 - 25