

Suggestions for Prayer for One Life

“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer”.

Acts 2:42

Give Thanks with Gratitude and Joy

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him”.

Colossians 3:16-17

“I thank 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”.

Philippians 1:3-4

“Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”.

Philippians 4:6-7

- Spend some time sharing with one another about what God is doing in your lives.
- Give thanks to God with JOY!

Unity and Love

“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 Christ Jesus – to the Glory and praise of God”.

Philippians 1:9

“Jesus replies to the Sadducees and Pharisees – Loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind is the greatest commandment- the second is to love our neighbors as we love ourselves”.

Matthew 22:37-40

Paul also in Ephesians 3, Colossians 3, 1 Corinthians 12 urges the Church to be unified in Christ – to love and forgive one another.

- Pray that we might love the Lord with all our hearts, souls, and minds.
- Pray that our Church might be unified in love.
- Pray that our love may abound.

Knowledge of His Will

“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”.

Col. 1:9-12

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- Pray that we might be filled with the knowledge of God’s will through spiritual wisdom and understanding
- So we may live life worthy of the Lord, please Him, bear fruit in our work and service, continually grow in the Knowledge of God, be strengthened with His power, have great endurance and patience, have joy and give thanks to the Father
- Pray for direction for the Church – that we will be able to discern what is best.

Pray for the Leadership of the Church

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too that God may open a door for our message, so we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that if may proclaim it clearly as I should”.

Col. 4:2-4

“And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray also that I may declare it fearlessly as I should”.

Eph. 5:18

- Pray for leadership of the church (their families, for their protection)
- For open doors to proclaim the message
- For wisdom and understanding
- That we should proclaim the message clearly and fearlessly

Some Resources on Prayer

J.K Dean *Live A Praying Life*.

Philip Yancy *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*