

PRAYING FOR YOU

(Romans 1:1-4 NIV)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God--the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Romans 1:5-7 NIV)

Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.

And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 1:8-10 NIV)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

(Romans 1:11-13 NIV)

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong-- that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

I AM PRAYING FOR YOU

(Romans 1:9-10 NIV) God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

I am Praying for you

- *(1 Cor 1:4 NIV) I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.*
- *(Eph 1:16 NIV) I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.*
- *(Phil 1:4 NIV) In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy*
- *(Col 1:3 NIV) We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,*
- *(Col 1:9b NIV) we have not stopped praying for you...*
- *(1 Th 1:2 NIV) We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.*

Challenge #1:

Pray for one another .

Pray for each other..

(James 5:16 NIV) Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Challenge #2:

Pray for us.

Pray for us...

- *Brothers, pray for us. (1 Th 5:25 NIV)*
- *Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. (2 Th 3:1 NIV)*
- *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. (Col 4:3 NIV)*

Think of prayer differently

(Luke 11:1 NIV) One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." 2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

Praying like Jesus...

- The disciples see Jesus praying
- They want to pray like Jesus did
- They ask Jesus to teach them to pray
- Jesus says “when you pray say: “Father”

Children of God

(John 1:12-13 NIV) Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Daddy..

(Rom 8:13-17 NIV) For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

We are God's Children

(Rom 8:13-17 NIV) The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Our Father

(Mat 7:9-11 NIV) "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Challenge #3:

Go to God as your Father.

Our Response

(Prov 3:5-6 NIV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Stay Connected

(John 15:5 NIV) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Pray Continually

(1 Th 5:16-18 NIV) Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Challenge #4:

Go to God with everything.

Do not be anxious, Pray!

(Phil 4:6 NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Pray all kinds of ways

(Eph 6:18 NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Devote yourselves to prayer

(Col 4:2 NIV) Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

CONCLUSION