

Three of the Best Ways to Pray for Others

Give Thanks to the Father for the Work HE HAS DONE

Col 1:3 We **always thank God**, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **when we pray for you**, 4 since we heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus** and of **the love that you have for all the saints**, 5 because of **the hope laid up for you in heaven**.

He gave thanks to God, because all these are the result of God at work in us

FAITH - We heard of your faith in Christ Jesus

- Eph 2:8 ESV For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God**,
- Joh 6:44 ESV No one can come to me **unless the Father** who sent me **draws him**. And I will raise him up on the last day.

LOVE - We heard of the love you have for all the saints

- 1Th 4:9 ESV Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for **you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another**,
- Rom 5:5 (b) ESV ... **God's love has been poured into our hearts** through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

All because of the HOPE laid up for you in heaven

- Php 1:6 ESV And I am sure of this, that **he who began a good work** in you will **bring it to completion** at the day of Jesus Christ.

This came about because they HEARD THE GOSPEL

Vs 5 Of this **you have heard** before in **the word of the truth, the gospel**, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world **it is bearing fruit and increasing**--as it also does among you, since the day **you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth**, 7 just as **you learned it from Epaphras** our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

- Paul was not there, the gospel was, the LORD was and Epaphras a faithful minister
- Rom 1:16 ESV For **I am not ashamed of the gospel**, for **it is the power of God** for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- 1Co 3:6 KJV I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase

Our walk with the LORD does not end with the gospel -- that is the beginning so we pray for one another

Paul prayed that they would KNOW THE WILL OF GOD...

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that **you may be filled with the knowledge of his will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully **pleasing** to him, **bearing fruit** in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

...and Knowing His will empowers us to WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY of the LORD

- **Fully pleasing** him

- BEARING FRUIT in **every good work**
- INCREASING in the knowledge of God

Php 2:13 ESV for it is God who works in you, both **to will and to work** for his good pleasure.

Paul prayed that they would have POWER TO ENDURE with patience with joy

11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to **his glorious might**, for all **endurance** and **patience** with **joy**, 12 **giving thanks** to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- The power to endure is HIS GLORIOUS MIGHT
- True endurance is mixed with **patience** and **joy** and **giving of thanks**
 - He has qualified us to share in the inheritance
 - He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
 - He has transferred us into the kingdom of His son
 - We have redemption - the forgiveness of sins