

Prayers of Paul

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Romans 1:8-10

⁸ “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

¹⁰ making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.

⁸ “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.

⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you

¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

Romans 10:1

¹ “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

¹ “Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

Romans 15:5-6

⁵ “Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

⁶ that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵ “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:13

¹³ “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹³ “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:30-33

³⁰ “Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,

³¹ that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

³² that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you.

³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

³⁰ “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.

³³ May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵ “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

²⁶ but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith--

²⁷ to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

²⁵ “Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith--

²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:4-8

⁴ “I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,
⁵ that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,
⁶ even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,
⁷ so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,
⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge--
⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you--
⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:23

²³ “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²³ “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

³ “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

³ “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
⁵ For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

2 Corinthians 12:8

⁸ [regarding Paul’s thorn in the flesh] “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

⁸ [regarding Paul’s thorn in the flesh] “Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

2 Corinthians 13:7-9, 14

⁷ “Now I pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable, though we may seem disqualified.
⁸ For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.
⁹ For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, that you may be made complete. . .
¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

⁷ “But we pray to God that you may not do wrong--not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed.
⁸ For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.
⁹ For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for. . . .
¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Galatians 6:18

¹⁸ “Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

¹⁸ “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Ephesians 1:3

³ “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

³ “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:15-19

¹⁵ “Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

¹⁵ “For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,

¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁴ “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--

¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 1:3-5

³ “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

³ “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,

⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,

⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹ “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,
¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,
¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

⁹ “And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,
¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 4:23

²³ “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

²³ “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Colossians 1:3-5a

³ “We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;
⁵ because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven,

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.

Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;
¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.
¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

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.
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.

Colossians 4:2-4

² “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
³ meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,
⁴ that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

² “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.
³ 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.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

² “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

³ remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

² “We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,

³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

¹³ “For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

¹³ “And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ “For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,

¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,

¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

⁹ “For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,

¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,

¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. .

1 Thessalonians 5:23, 28

²³ “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

²³ “Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

³ “We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

³ “We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

¹¹ “...we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power,

¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹ “To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,

¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:13, 16-17

¹³ “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth . . .

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace,

¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

¹³ “But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruitsto be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. . . .

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2, 5, 16a

¹ “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you,

² and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. . . .

⁵ Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ. . . .

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.

¹ “Finally, brothers,pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,

² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. . . .

⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. . . .

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

1 Timothy 1:12

¹² “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

¹² “I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,

2 Timothy 1:3-5

³ “I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,

⁴ greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

⁵ when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

³ “I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.

⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

2 Timothy 1:16-18a & 4:22

¹⁶ “The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me.

¹⁸ The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day . . .

²² The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

¹⁶ “May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains,

¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me--

¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day! . . .

²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Titus 3:15c

¹⁵ “,,, Grace be with you all. Amen.

¹⁵ “... Grace be with you all.

Philemon 4-6

⁴ “ I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers,

⁵ hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,

⁶ that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

⁴ “I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers,

⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,

⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

Philimon 25

²⁵ “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

²⁵ “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Note

It is often hard to set a definitive ending point to the prayers of Paul, as he flows easily between words directed to the recipients of his letters and thoughts addressed to God. The limits set in this handout were chosen with prayer and with consideration of the size of the handout. It is always good to read the passages in the context of surrounding verses, and I recommend doing so as you use this handout.