



Am I praying for my church?

Colossians 1:9-12

*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, <sup>10</sup> 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; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

Am I prayerful?

- Prayer is intentional – Colossians 1:9a *And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you,*

Q: What should I pray for?

- Knowledge of Bible content – 1:9b *filled with the knowledge of His will*
- 1:9c *in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,*
  - Wisdom: Seeing life from God's perspective.
  - Understanding: Tactical/situational awareness including self-awareness.

Q: For what purpose?

- A life pleasing to God – 1:10a *so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:*
- A spiritually productive life – 1:10b *bearing fruit in every good work*
- A learner's heart – 1:10c *and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

- Joyful grit – 1:11 *being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;*
- Attitude of gratitude – 1:12 *giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

### Best practices

- Use reminders on your phone.
- Create a prayer note on your phone.
- Use a small notepad made of paper...from a tree.
- Pray sections of God's Word.
  - Psalm 1
  - James 1
  - Romans 6

- Follow Jesus' model in the Lord's Prayer.

Matthew 6:7-13 *And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

- Honoring and praising God – 6:9 *Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*
  - Asking for God's will to be done – 6:10 *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*
  - Provision for your needs – 6:11 *Give us this day our daily bread,*
  - Forgiveness for your sins and forgiving others – 6:12 *and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*
  - Victory over your temptations – 6:13a *And lead us not into temptation,*
  - Deliverance from evil – 6:13b *but deliver us from evil.*
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