

Praying for Gospel Transformation

Scripture for Meditation: *Philippians 1:9-11*

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

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Hymn of Christ: *See the Christ*

See the Christ

1. See the Christ, the Son di-vine, One with God be-fore all time,
2. See the Christ, the Son of Man, In o-be-dience to God's plan,
3. See the Christ, the Son, a-live, In His ra-diant place a-bove,

Lay a-side His robe of light, Clutch-ing not His
Take for us a sin-ner's death, Gasp-ing out His
Now ex-alt-ed, raised on high, Reign-ing from the

e-qual right. See Him as a serv-ant born,
fi-nal breath. See Him on the cross of blood,
Fa-ther's side. See Him take the great-est name:

Tak-ing on our hu-man form. Make His hum-ble
Prov-ing there His love for God. Trust the Fa-ther
Lord of All, by God pro-claimed. Hail Him King, and

mind your own; Serve your broth-ers here be-low.
with your life; He will turn all wrongs to right.
bow the knee For the Fa-ther's glo-ry.

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Hymn of Love: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that promised rest.
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading: *John 15:1-11*

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he

prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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Offertory Hymn of Prayer: *I Asked the Lord*

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith, and love, and every grace;
Might more of His salvation know,
And seek, more earnestly, His face.

I hoped that in some favored hour,
At once He'd answer my request;
And by His love's constraining pow'r,
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart;
And let the angry pow'rs of hell
Assault my soul in every part.

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried,
Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way, the Lord replied,
I answer prayer for grace and faith."

“These inward trials I employ,
From self, and pride, to set thee free;
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,
That thou may’st find thy all in Me.”

John Newton, 1725-1807

Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 145:18, 19*

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

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Hymn of Boldness: *Boldly I Approach**

By grace alone somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread,
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above;
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms.

When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair,
I hear the voice that scatters fear;
The Great I Am the Lord is here.
Oh praise the One who fights for me
And shields my soul eternally.

Refrain:
Boldly I approach Your throne;
Blameless now I'm running home.
By Your blood I come,
Welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty.

Behold the bright and risen Son,
More beauty than this world has known;
I'm face to face with Love Himself,
His perfect spotless righteousness.
A thousand years, a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise.

Refrain

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Ministry of the Word

Church Info

SUNDAY

9:15am Family Bible Time
10:00 am Corporate Prayer Service
10:45 am Corporate Worship Service

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Shepherding Groups

*A nursery is available for all services.
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To put the matter at its most basic, Paul’s prayer is the product of his passion for people. His unaffected fervency in prayer is not whipped-up emotionalism but the overflow of his love for brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. That means that if we are to improve our praying, we must strengthen our loving. As we grow in disciplined, self-sacrificing love, so we will grow in intercessory prayer. Superficially fervent prayers devoid of such love are finally phony, hollow, shallow.

D. A. Carson

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