



Pattern for Prayer
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I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Indeed, it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-8 (CSB)

How can we thank God for you in return for all the joy we experience before our God because of you, as we pray very earnestly night and day to see you face to face and to complete what is lacking in your faith? 1 Thessalonians 3:9-10 (CSB)

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (CSB)

PATTERN FOR PRAYER:

1. Pray with thanksgiving

I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you...
Philippians 1:3 (CSB)

Because of the certainty of the gospel, Paul could give thanks in his uncertain circumstances.

2. Pray with joy

...always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer...
Philippians 1:4 (CSB)

Joy isn't circumstantial. Joy is a result of the gospel.

3. Pray with perseverance

... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Indeed, it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me in grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-8 (CSB)

Because of the hope we have in the future, we can persevere in prayer.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you pray with thanksgiving?
2. Do you pray with joy?
3. Do you pray with perseverance?