



Apostolic Prayers Demonstrate A Purpose Led Prayer Life

(Comments in the parenthesis are added for explanation)

The prayers found in the New Testament letters come from the heart of the founding fathers of the Church. In these prayers you sense hope, destiny, and love. They are not fault-finding, negative prayers that try to fix us or others, but declarations of the heart of God that transform us as we get a revelation of who He really is, and who we are becoming.

Prayer for revelation of Jesus' beauty that we might walk in our calling and destiny by God's power - (Eph. 1:17-19):

17 That the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know (experience) what is the hope of His calling (assurance/clarity of God's call for our life) what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (our destiny as Jesus' inheritance), 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power...

Pray to receive a revelation of the measure of Christ's love for you - (Eph. 3:16-19):

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, 17 that Christ may dwell (manifest His presence) in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend (experience) with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Prayer to know God's will, to be fruitful in our daily walk, and strengthened through His knowledge and power - (Col. 1:9-11):

9 That you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to 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...

Prayer for the Evangelists - (2 Thes. 3:1-5):

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. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. 5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Prayer for unity in the Church - (Romans 15:5-7):

5 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. 7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

The New Testament records close to 30 different prayers and blessings to individuals, churches and regions. To help us walk together, we've chosen five of the most popular apostolic prayers in the Church today. A wonderful way of making these prayers more personal is to change the pronoun. Simply insert your name, a friend's, or family member, while praying the prayer. You can also broaden your target intercession by praying these scriptures over your city and region.

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