

Chapter 1 : Prayer for Marriage, for a God-Chosen Life Partner

First, let's imitate Paul in giving thanks to God for Gospel partners. Read with me verses " 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good.

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. It tells a special story, the Spirit-inspired account of the intimate and affectionate relationship that flourished between a gospel preacher and a congregation who supported him in his evangelistic work cf. Before we consider an exegesis of this New Testament text, a brief history of the city of Philippi is in order. It was named after Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great. Philippi was a prominent city and a colony of Rome Acts It was situated on a fertile plain, approximately ten miles inland from the Aegean Sea. Philippi was a city of commerce and trade with nearby silver and gold mines. The Egnatian Way, a major artery connecting Europe and Asia, passed through it. Philippi was truly "at the crossroads. In the midst of his second missionary journey, Paul received a night vision, a "Macedonian call" Acts From these humble beginnings in this thriving, southeastern European metropolis, the church grew. Yet the theme of this book is jarring: After a brief salutation recognizing the make-up of the Philippian church saints, bishops, and deacons - v. Let the reader take note: Those who supply wages to gospel preachers -- whether at home or abroad -- are co-workers and partners with these men cf. The same God who had begun "a good work" in the Philippians would perfect i. Is it not the same with all Christians anytime anywhere? Those who are in Christ are "partakers of grace" and sharers in this same hope. What had God begun in the brethren there? Paul says it was "a good work. Verses give the answer. Obviously, it would be that same good work. How long would this good work continue to be perfected? Until the day of Jesus Christ. Learn from the present. Would you learn from the present? Look to the past. Paul could look to the future in confidence by learning the lessons of both his past and present fellowship with the Philippian church. The Philippians were in a team effort with him and held up his hands in his "defense and confirmation of the gospel. When Christ returned, He would finish the work that He had started in them, work which was even then "under construction. With an oath, he boldly exclaims, "God is my witness that I tell the truth when I say that my deep feeling for you all comes from the heart of Christ Jesus Himself. Finally, in the third major section of our text, Paul shares the details of his prayer on their behalf vv. He had been praying that that they would abound in four areas vv. First, he prays that they would abound in LOVE cf. False knowledge 1 Tim. Knowledge--even a knowledge of the truth--must be motivated by love cf. Bruce translates this as " It does denote "blamelessness," i. Like Paul, we give God the glory and the praise. This is why man is. At one time Paul had the liberty to visit Philippi of Macedonia. Regrettably, the Roman Empire had taken that freedom from him. However, no man could take away his freedom to praise and to pray. No government could shackle his zeal and optimism. The book of Philippians is quite simply the greatest "thank-you note" ever written! How impoverished we would be if God had not preserved this priceless gem! In a dank, dark prison cell, Paul was joyfully thankful, joyfully confident, and joyfully prayerful. He knew that whatever the form of outward circumstances, his joy in Christ was unwavering and indefatigable cf. Paul was at peace in the bosom of the Immutable One. What a tremendous lesson for us! What would WE do if we were thrown into jail because of our faith in Christ? Would we sing praises like Paul? Would we pray like he did? Would we mail out letters of comfort and encouragement to our brethren? I am afraid that some of us would whimper and whine in a fetal position in the corner. Perhaps a few would weep and wail through the cold, steel bars, protesting their innocence. Others the majority perhaps? It has been said "Every preacher should have his Philippi. Who in

spite of his surroundings, could be thankful, not an ingrate 1: Although "bowels" is occasionally used in its literal sense cf. On this point, it is interesting to note that modern American vernacular more closely follows the Greek image rather than the Hebrew. Consider the slang term "guts. Truth without love could destroy a person by its brutality, while love without truth could destroy a person by its insincerity. Love without truth is sentimentality, feeling without responsibility. Truth without love is powerless to change lives, while love without truth could change them in the wrong direction. Paul is his own best interpreter. Exposition of Philippians, p. Other Greek students think it is based upon eilein to whirl , i. See The Book of Philippians: Either view conforms to sound doctrine.

Chapter 2 : 12 prayer points for Christian singles - Attracting your life partner

I wrote this prayer for all those who are alone and looking for a suitable life partner. Many have asked for prayers concerning marriage. I pray that this year, your wishes and dreams are fulfilled by God Almighty as we lift up our every desire daily, through Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank you all for inviting me to preach today. God has brought me here today in a very providential way. Pastor Gabe and his wife are on vacation this week and so he emailed my seminary, Bethlehem Seminary in Minneapolis, looking for a student to preach for him today. Rawlin Johnson, my grandpa! My grandpa, Rawlin Johnson, began pastoring this church in as a single, 23 year-old seminary student at Bethel Seminary, and eventually he married my grandma Pearl, moved here, and was ordained here. He pastored this church until The first wedding he ever did was of Paul Alen and his wife, ironically the same man who would then marry my grandma Pearl a few years after my grandpa passed away in Well I knew that since my grandpa had pastored here it would be an honor for me to preach where he once did. So God has providentially brought me here today and so I am very eager to see why he has so orchestrated these events for me to bring the word to you today. I invite you to turn with me to Philippians 1: One preliminary observation I want to make of this text to help frame this sermon is that there are no commands or instructions in verses Paul does not tell us to do anything in these verses, he is just stating how he thanks God for the Philippians and how he feels deeply about them, and then he prays for them. So what are Christians to do after they read these verses? No, our response is not to just admire Paul, but to imitate him. So today I want to encourage us through this text to see fellow believers specifically as Gospel partners and to imitate Paul in three ways: We will now begin to walk through Philippians 1: Read with me verses Paul at this time is an imprisoned missionary sending out this update letter to the church in Philippi. Many missionary support letters today give thanks to their supporters for their financial gifts and prayer support, but here Paul directs ALL his thanksgiving to God. Who is a gospel partner? This definition is quite broad, and so I hope God begins to bring to mind throughout this message some of the gospel partnerships in your life. Consider how odd this seems: Paul is not forgetting about the Philippians here, but making a profound theological statement, a statement that should give us much hope and move us to worship. Do you remember how the Philippian church started? It comes in Acts Please turn there with me. Paul and Silas had their plans set on spreading the gospel in Asia, but, in verse 6, the Holy Spirit forbids them! Now why would the Spirit do that? He wanted to birth the Philippian church. In verse 9 a vision comes to Paul to go to Macedonia, which is the district where the city of Philippi is. So they obeyed, and when they preached in Philippi a woman named Lydia was present listening. We see later in chapter 16 that Paul and Silas get thrown in jail but are miraculously saved by an earthquake sent from the Lord. Through it the jailer of that prison and his family are saved. Read with me verses 7 and 8: How can I get that? Well an affection is a feeling, and often a feeling of love. Want me to say it? So the affection of Jesus was the PUREST love for his followers, a tenderhearted compassion for those who are suffering, and a kind of love that is so strong it does not just feel deeply but not do or say anything about it. But now think about it for a moment. Paul is saying he has the same feelings, the same love, that Jesus had! His yearning for the Philippians, his love for them, his thanksgiving and prayers for them, and his willingness to live or die for them are from the affections of Jesus that are in Paul! Now was Paul just special that he could have the affections of Jesus in his heart? Can we also have the affections and feelings and compassions of Jesus in our hearts too? Can we have the heartbeat of the Messiah? I think we can! Remember Paul commanded us to imitate him, and in 1 Corinthians 2: So we can both think how Christ thought and feel how Christ felt because we have the Holy Spirit in us. As we grow as Christians, Jesus shapes us by the Holy Spirit living in us to think like and act like and become more like him. He changes our hearts to love what He loves and to hate what He hates. Imitate Paul as he imitates Christ, and love your gospel partners with the heart of Christ. The third point is that we are to imitate Paul by praying to God for Gospel partners. He does not just ask God to increase their love alone, but also their knowledge and discernment. He is praying for both growth in their heart and their head. We know from 1 Corinthians 8: Knowledge without love leads to pride,

and love without knowledge can be a foolish love that does not know how to love well. We are not to favor head over heart or heart over head. We are to pursue growing in both. We are commanded to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Ask yourself and pray to God, how can I love God more? How can I grow in praising Him and praying to Him? How can I grow in loving my neighbor? And for our minds, go hard in pursuing the knowledge of God. Give yourselves to reading and memorizing the Bible. Knowledge of God is like kindling, like firewood that we collect, and love for God and others is the fire brought by the Holy Spirit. The more firewood we have, the bigger the bonfire of our love for God and others will be when the Holy Spirit ignites it! The heart and the mind are not enemies, but partners that need each other for living a godly life. Pray that your Gospel partners abound in love with knowledge, pray this for each other in your church. Pray this for your missionaries and sister churches. Pray this for believers in other denominations. We are not left on our own to try to do these commands by our own strength! When we believe the Gospel, repent of our sins, and give our lives to Christ, Christ gives us His righteousness and then we begin to bear the fruit that comes from righteousness. Now look again at verse His death purchased the Holy Spirit for us, to change our hearts and our minds to love what He loves and hate what he hates, to do what He wants us to do and live how he wants us to live and pray how and when he wants us to pray! His death purchased for us the ability to imitate Paul rightly! The Spirit that was in Paul was given to him because he put his faith in Christ, and it can be given to us too if we put our faith in Christ and trust him to forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. He can cleanse us from all unthankfulness, from all bitterness or apathy toward believers, and from all prayerlessness. Remember, he who does the work gets the credit, and just as Paul gave thanks to God at the beginning of this letter for the Philippians, so also now Paul is giving God all the credit, all the praise, all the glory for doing all the work of saving us and sanctifying us through Jesus Christ. We will not be lifted up for our success in heaven. No, all glory will be given to the Trinity: Application How can we practically apply this profound passage to our lives? I have four areas in our lives that we can apply change to: Spirit, sight, service, and speech. First, change your Spirit. This is the most foundational change that needs to be made, because if your spirit is not right, your sight, service, and speech will not be orientated rightly either. So in what ways can you grow in your affection for fellow believers? Remember, genuine love initiates. Pray for a genuine love for all the imperfect people in your church, which includes everybody, especially you. Even if you have a hard time wrapping your mind around what it would be like to have the affections of Jesus Christ in you, pray for it! Second, change your sight. See each other not as Christians who just hang out together and sing songs together, but as Gospel partners. Nursery workers are not just babysitters, they are partners in the Gospel. Janitors are not just toilet cleaners and side-walk shovelers, they are partners in the Gospel. Ushers are not just seat finders and offering plate passers, they are partners in the Gospel. Elderly saints who live in nursing homes or those fighting cancer in the hospital are not former Gospel partners, but still current gospel partners as they pray for you and the advancement of the good news and as you go and visit them and learn from them how to suffer well. Missionaries are not elite Christians, they, like the others in the church, are partners in the gospel. Other gospel-loving churches, even from other denominations, are not competition, they are partners in the gospel. Third, change your service. How are you serving THIS church right now? The Chinese church is asking for an estimated 30 million more Chinese Bibles!

Chapter 3 : Prayers for the Blessed by Sixx:A.M. on Spotify

Gospel Partners Pray For Each Other (vv.) And the final point, something I have been deeply convicted of myself the past two weeks, is that Gospel Partners pray for each other. I have shared with some of you just in the last week that I really need to spend more time in prayer.

Written by admin on Sep 02, in - No Comments Introduction I invite you to turn with me this morning back to the book of Philippians. We will continue our sermon series today by covering verses of chapter 1. In these verses Paul expresses his thanksgiving to God for the partnership he has with the Philippian believers. He expresses his gratitude for their partnership in the gospel and for how they have supported him both financially and also through their participation in his gospel ministry. But in this section he was not only giving them a report of how he continually thanks God for them and how he regularly prays for them, but he was also subtly giving them direction regarding how he wanted them to relate with one another. In other words, in his introductory greeting, Paul is demonstrating to the Philippian believers just how those who are partnered together in the work of the gospel should feel about and relate to one another. The fact is that, as Christians, we are all on a mission together. When we entered into a relationship with Jesus Christ as one of his disciples, we became a part of his mission to make more disciples until the gospel message has reached the ends of the earth. And so in this sense, we are Gospel Partners striving side by side for the faith. This is particularly true for Christians united together in a local church. And so my purpose this morning is to learn from the example Paul sets for us in this letter regarding how those who are partnered together for the Gospel should relate to one another. And follow along as I read from verses If you do not have a Bible with you this morning, please make use of one of the pew Bibles where you will find this passage located on page Gospel partners joyfully thank God for each other. Again, Paul is joyfully thanking God for these faithful gospel partners. Let me read verses again so that we get the full sentence and sense of the statement. It tells us that what is going to follow will be the reason Paul makes his prayers for all the Philippians with joy. Even when other churches have failed to support Paul for one reason or another in his work, the Philippian church has always been faithful in this regard. Although it does include those things. But what Paul is referring to here also includes the ways the Philippian church has supported his ministry in practical and financial ways. The fact is that through their cooperation with Paul, the Philippian church, and the individual Philippian believers, were a part of the gospel work taking place in other parts of the world. And this remains true today. These are ways we partner with real missionaries who are following in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul by being on the front lines of the mission field doing good gospel work. And in this way we are a part of the gospel work taking place in these remote places. In a few months this church is going to send Bill Stanley and myself to work with our missionary friends James and Sarah in India. And that is because they are our partners. Next summer we are planning to take a team to Costa Rica to work with churches in that country as they are doing good gospel work in that part of the world. And the objective for both of these trips is to make and deepen gospel partnerships in other parts of the world that will bear fruit for the kingdom of God. Partnerships that we will all thank God for. And for me as your pastor, when I see you joyfully desiring to participate in these partnerships around the world it gives me great joy because it is evidence of the work that God is doing in each of your lives. On Wednesday night in our Prayer for the Nations, I had planned for us to talk about and pray for Bangladesh, but we immediately were sidetracked and spent our whole time talking about India and our friends James and Sarah and the plans and arrangements for our upcoming mission trip there. And it gave me great joy to see how that conversation took off and kept going, because it was proof to me that God was stirring up a concern in our hearts for India and the people there. It was evidence to me that the visit from James and Sarah planted seeds in our hearts that are being nurtured by the Holy Spirit and are growing into a genuine interest and thankfulness for what is taking place in that country. It is the ongoing work of God in your heart that began the day of your conversion and will continue until the day Jesus Christ returns. And the fact that God began this work is a guarantee that he is going to bring it to completion. Whenever you see God working in your life it should give you assurance about your future. And as the pastor of this church, I am

thankful for your partnership with me. God has called me to be a minister of the gospel and I am only able to fulfill this calling because of your support of me and my family. And I thank God for each of you. And as partners in the gospel we should all be thankful for one another and grateful that God has brought us together through the blood of Jesus Christ and the invisible hand of God. And so, that is my first point: If you look with me in verses you will see that Gospel partners also feel affection for each other. The truth is that I can be thankful for someone without feeling deep affection for them, right? I am thankful for the person who helped me with my airline tickets to India this week. He gave me good advice and was helpful and contributed in a positive way to the work there. And I am thankful for that. But do I feel affection for him? For affection to develop between individuals there must be a relationship. And for Paul and the Philippian believers there was great affection because of the relationship he had with them. Remember before being asked by the city officials to leave Philippi, Paul had spent time in the home and among the people within the household of Lydia. He had also been welcomed into the home of the Philippian jailer and shared a meal with that household. And before being thrown into prison he would have been meeting with everyone who was a part of this fledgling little church plant encouraging them and developing relationships with them and genuine love for them. Because it is in these smaller group settings that we really get to know each other and develop affection for one another. And this is why we moved our monthly church suppers from Wednesday night to Sunday night, so that instead of having only 10 people present, we might have 45 people present like we did earlier this month. Because again, it is in settings like these, where we get to know each other and develop affection for each other. And this is why I want all of you to come to the Awana party on Wednesday. Because I know that it is in times like these that relationships are formed and affections developed. And this is also why I invited James and Sarah to come speak to us a few weeks ago about the work they are doing in India, because I knew if you met them you would love them and want to be Gospel Partners with them. Paul had developed such a relationship with the Philippians that they stood by his side during good times and bad. Paul says in verse 7 that the Philippians remained his partners in the gospel regardless of whether he was wearing chains in a prison or whether he was outside the walls of a prison boldly and publicly proclaiming the gospel. The Philippians have never turned their back on him. And in this way, through their support and through their affectionate friendship, the Philippians really participated with Paul in his preaching of the gospel. And as good as things like the International Mission Board and the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offerings are, the one thing they cannot do on their own is develop affectionate partnerships between churches and missionaries. And there will be something missing from the type of relationship Paul outlines for us here. Again, true gospel partners feel affection for each other. And to do that we have to develop real relationships. So, Gospel partners joyfully thank God for each other. And Gospel partners feel deep affection for each other. Those are points one and two of this sermon. I have shared with some of you just in the last week that I really need to spend more time in prayer. I was convicted by this last week during my sermon preparation and honestly even last Sunday in the middle of delivering my sermon when I shared with you about the commissioning of the first deacons as recorded in Acts 6. If you remember from that section the church was struggling to properly care for all of the widows in the congregation and the Apostles told the members of the new church in Jerusalem to: Pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word. So I am in the process of making some changes to my weekly schedule so that I can devote more time in my day to prayer for this church and its mission and for each of you. And as we will see in verses , that is exactly what Paul expects Gospel Partners to do. He expects them to pray for each other. And though there are all different sorts of ways we can pray for each other, Paul describes for us here three specific things he was praying about with regard to the Philippian Christians. Love to Abound The first thing we see Paul praying for in verse 9 is for the love the Philippians have for God and for one another to grow more and more. Paul never says here that they need to start loving one another. But Paul knows that for the Philippian church to be more effective in their gospel endeavors, that love must continue to develop and grow and mature. And I think that is the same manner we should be praying for this church. This is a very loving church, but we could love each other more. And no one would deny that a greater and deeper love for each other would result in us working

better together in our Gospel Partnership with one another. Not to mention the fact that Jesus said the world will know we are his disciples when they see our love for one another John But how will the world see our love for one another if we are never with each other during the week living life together as friends? Our relationships with one another must extend outside the four walls of this church. It is not good enough to only come on Sunday and have no further contact with the people here. And so please be in prayer with me that our love for one another in this church would abound more and more. Knowledge and Discernment to Abound But Paul also knows that love alone is not enough. He also prays that this love would be accompanied by knowledge and discernment. Love without knowledge and discernment is love without an understanding of how to best express the affection we have for one another. You need love that is accompanied by a God-given knowledge and discernment or else your misguided love inspires the sexually debauched and drug-fueled hippie revolution of the s instead of a love driven by God that inspires a gospel revolution and fulfills the Great Commission. And so yes, it is important that we pray for love to abound, but our love must be informed with godly knowledge and discernment. And they have done this all in the name of love. But brothers and sisters, genuine love accompanied by knowledge and discernment, knows that willingly allowing people to be deceived about God is no love at all. Letting people believe something false about God because you want them to be happy is no love at all. And he is going to call us all to follow his example. Are you prepared to lay it all on the line to follow Jesus?

Chapter 4 : A Prayer for Our Adult Children - Prayer, Plain and Simple

Praying with a prayer partner can enhance and amplify your prayers, adding another voice and enabling you to listen to God through their prayers. (+ free printable).

The outlook was certainly poor, but he prayed and received great blessings. In fact it is my conviction that his organized and fervent prayer life was the greatest single factor to his success as a faithful Christian. How else would he have been able to accomplish what he did? He was whipped, beaten with rods, stoned; shipwrecked, robbed, persecuted, deprived of food, drink and shelter, had sleepless nights, even his own brethren placed burdens on him. How could he endure these things without prayer? And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? Only one said thank you, but he was the blessed one. Let us now examine the text. The text is divided into two clear parts. In verse he says: Paul not only prayed in thankfulness for the Philippians, but told them he was praying for them. It is wonderful thing to know that someone is praying for us. Ah, shadows tucked their heads beneath their wings, I saw the light. The problem would be quickly solved, I walked in bright sunlight. He realised that it was possible for brethren to fall. His friend Demas was a vivid reminder of this: Demas was once a helper and fellow worker and faithful companion of Paul, but the world had gotten in the way. We must never be so confident that we consider we cannot fall. Paul prayed for growth in the following areas. Christ set the standard to reach in love when he said: Until we love like He loved we can never say that we have arrived. This too is inexhaustible. Until we are thus filled, we cannot stop our study and reading. For offences must come, but woe to that man by whom the offence comes! Approve that which is excellent. No matter how hard we try, we still fall short. Paul acknowledged this in his own life. The rest of this lesson will be centred around his thankfulness. A devoted wife, for example, who loses her husband, can often live on the memories he leaves. Like in the Christian life, sometimes even sad and trying moments can be remembered with thanks giving and joy. Yet Paul refused to go until the released him themselves Acts The ordeals in prison could now become a pleasant and precious memory. Precious memories of Christian friends should constantly flood our souls as we think of moments and achievements together. The gospel unites even those who were once enemies. The young and old, the rich and poor, black and white, upper class and lower class. All can experience intense affection for one another in Christ, because we have all been baptised into one body Galatians 3: Remember the song that so ably describes Christian fellowship. Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love, The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above. Before the Fathers throne, We pour our ardent prayers Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows, The sympathizing tear. When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again. On many occasions they would collect money from the brethren in Macedonia and bring assistance to Paul. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. Here Paul promised them a blessing from God for their assistance. The giver is the one most blessed Acts The Philippians had sent Epaphroditus on a long journey to bring assistance to him in prison. He had become sick, nigh unto death on the way. Each was providing what the other could not provide for themselves. Some feel that fellowship is simply something to use up idle time. Paul warned Timothy about problems involving idle time in the church. The Philippians were in his heart affecting his life , and he longed to see them again. We see gratitude oozing from every pore. What sort of influence do we have on our brethren. Do they long to see us as Paul did? If not, then we are not providing the type of influence experienced by Paul and the Philippians. In conclusion, let us return to Verses , the beginning of our text. His soul was not set on negative things and how he had been wrongfully charged, and might soon die. His heart was filled with thanksgiving. Without the blessings that He had bestowed Paul would be a sad, forlorn prisoner, with a grudge on life. It is important to consider also that in his prayers Paul

made God joyous, because Paul gave him the thanks he rightfully deserves. We make our Lord feel appreciated when we give thanks in prayer. The gratitude he felt sustained him in time of trial. While we have some thanksgiving in our heart it is impossible to be depressed. Depression is caused by us being blind to blessings. A depressed person always looks on the negative. I envied her, she seemed so gay, I wished I was so fair. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw he hobble down the aisle She had one leg and wore a crutch, and as she passed, a smile O God forgive me when I whine. I have two legs the world is mine! And then I stopped to buy some sweets. I have two eyes, the world is mine! And as I walked down the street, I saw a child with eyes so blue. He stood and watched the others play as if he knew not what to do. O God forgive me when I whine. I have two ears, the world is mine! We notice that Paul did not pray for himself. He did not ask God for happiness and joy. He felt this joy because he learnt the art of feeling gratitude and appreciation. His happiness did not depend on his physical environment, of his circumstances in life. He was happy because he had his priorities right. He thanked the Lord First, then others, and from his thanks flowed forth his blessings. May God help us to look about us and consider the blessings we have, and get on our knees with out flowing prayers of gratitude.

Chapter 5 : Gospel Partners (Philippians) | Monte Sano Baptist Church

Prayer warrior Elisha Goodman share 12 effective prayer points for Christian singles looking to find their God given spouse. Before you pray out the points below, please do ensure meditate on the following Bible verses Matthew , Matthew , Genesis

This is an outline of the prayer that we pray for you. Print it out, read it, add your faith to it, and receive it into your life. Father, I praise You and bless You and thank You for my partners. Father, I pray Psalm 23 over all of my partners. I thank You Lord that You are their Shepherd and because of it they do not lack in any area of their lives. I thank You that they lie down by the prospering green fields. I thank You that you lead them beside the still waters. I thank You Lord that no matter what attack any of my partners are facing today that they are fearing no evil because You are with them. I thank You Lord that You are with my partners everywhere they go. I thank You Lord, that You are comforting my partners in every way possible. I thank You Lord that You have prepared days of Heaven on the Earth for my partners in the presence of their enemies. I thank You Lord that my partners are experiencing an overflow of Your goodness, prosperity, healing, and victory in every area of their lives. I thank You Lord that Your goodness and love is working in the lives of my partners and I thank You that they are living as children in Your family. Father, I pray Psalm for all of my Partners. I thank You that their iniquities are forgiven and completely wiped out. I thank you that my partners walk free from all guilt and condemnation. I thank You Lord that their lives are redeemed from destruction. I thank You Lord that You are their fortress and refuge. I thank You that my partners put their trust in You. I thank You Lord that You have delivered my partners from every evil attack that comes against them. I thank You for covering my partners with Your protection. I thank You Lord that my partners live their lives free from fear. I thank You Lord that no evil befalls my partners, neither does any plague come near their dwelling. I thank You Lord for giving Your angels charge over my partners and keeping them in all their ways. With long life You are satisfying my partners and showing them Your great salvation. Father, I pray Isaiah Great is the peace of their children. I thank You that every family member of my partners is saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and living passionately for God. I thank You that my partners are established in righteousness. My partners are far from oppression because they do not fear. They are far from terror and it does not come near them. Father, I pray Ephesians 1: I thank You Lord that You have given my partners the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know you in a more intimate way. I thank you Lord that my partners have a full understanding today that they are seated with Christ far above all principality, power, might, dominion and every name that is named. Father, I pray Ephesians 3: I thank You that the Holy Spirit is strengthening their spirits, so that the anointing can dwell in their hearts. I thank You today that my partners are rooted and grounded in love. I thank You Lord that my partners are good stewards of the commandment of love and that they are growing in that commandment daily. I thank You that my partners are getting a deeper revelation of Your love for them every day of their lives. I thank You that they are seeing how high Your love is, how wide Your love is, and how deep Your love is. I thank You that they are receiving a full revelation of the love of Christ the anointed one. I thank You that my partners are seeing You do exceeding, abundantly, above all that they ask or think according to the love that is working in them. Father, I pray Colossians 1: I thank You that my partners are not ignorant of Your will for their lives, but they have a full understanding of Your will. I thank You that my partners are not ignorant of the truth of Your Word. I thank You that they fully know and understand what Your Word says for every area of their lives. I thank You that great revelation flows into their lives. I rebuke spiritual ignorance among us. I rebuke spiritual ignorance from among my partners. I thank You that my partners are pleasing You in all that they do and I thank You that they are being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of You. I thank You that my partners are strengthened with all might according to Your glorious power. I thank You Lord for delivering them from the authority of darkness and translating them into the kingdom of Your dear Son. Father, I pray 1 Thessalonians 5: They are preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus, the anointed One. Now, Lord, my partners have invested their goods, time, effort, and prayer into this ministry. Let it be on them and in the lives of their children to remove

burdens and destroy yokes, in the Name of Jesus. For every apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher, who is a partner with this ministry, I thank You for increasing the anointing on their lives. I call their ministries and churches abounding, overflowing, and experiencing Your best in every way. Fill their pulpits with a fresh passion, a fresh desire, and a fresh anointing! Now, Satan, I bind You and cast You out of all the affairs of my partners. I plead the blood of Jesus over every person, family, household, business, ministry, and church that is in partnership with Matthew Allaria Ministries. I thank You Lord that You have redeemed my partners from the curse of the law. Father I thank You that my partners walk in the fullness of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, experiencing days of Heaven on the Earth. I call my partners healed from the top of their heads to the soles of their feet. I call my partners rich, overflowing, and abundantly supplied in the area of finances. I call promotion over them in their work places. I call their businesses and companies prospering and overflowing with business. I speak victory over the lives of my partners. I call my partners peaceful, joyful, courageous, strong, determined, delivered, blessed and victorious! I call my partners full of the wisdom and knowledge of God in every area of their lives. To stay up to date on all MAM events and information submit your e-mail address below.

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THE PRAYERS OF PAUL We've looked at many prayers over these past couple months-the Our Father, the prayer of Jabez, Elijah's prayers, Hannah's prayer, Daniel's prayer, Nehemiah's prayers, and last week we looked at Jesus' prayer.

Home Prayers 8 Good Bedtime Prayers for Couples 8 Good Bedtime Prayers for Couples Prayers Jan 29, Before bedtime, some couples may look to saying a prayer together that send their request to God for a long standing marriage that will last for years to come. Thanking Him for the goodness in our lives is just one way to rekindle romance and love. Here is a look at some great bedtime prayers for couples. Prayer 1 You are Lord over all creation. Everyday we are surrounded by the miracle of life. Your creativity bursts across the skies at sunset, it emerges from spring buds that bloom. Thank you for the beauty of marriage. Like three streams that merge into one single river, you are journeying with us. You are the creative, restoring current that runs through our relationship. May we stand strong in our friendship like a tall oak tree. May we pull together through the different seasons of our lives so that we become closer. May we ride out the storms and rest in the fair weather. May we care for one another, so that we blossom and bloom as individuals. May we have your vision as we soar above the everyday to glimpse the kingdom of heaven. May we learn the truth of real beauty as we change and age together. And may we reflect your love, hope, and truth that you have poured into our union. Thank you that through your strength and grace we are able to love, care and provide for our loved ones and the wider world. Prayer 2 Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for this life, for the gift of love, and the blessing of our marriage. May we always treasure the experience of loving each other in this holy union. Help us to remain forever committed to our vows, those we made to each other, and to you, Lord. We will need your strength daily Lord, as we live together with the goal of following and serving you. Develop within is us the character of your Son, Jesus, that we might love each other with the love he demonstratedâ€”with patience, respect, understanding, honesty, forgiveness and kindness. Let us always be a support to one anotherâ€”a friend to listen and encourage, a refuge from the storm, and most importantly, a warrior in prayer. Holy Spirit, guide us through the difficult moments of life and comfort us in our grief. May our lives together bring glory to you, our Savior, and testify of your love. Prayer 3 Lord Jesus, Grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony. May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other. Let our love grow to perfection. Prayer 4 O Lord, Holy Father, omnipotent and eternal God, we give you thanks and we bless your holy name. You created man and woman in your image and blessed their union, so that each would be for the other a help and support. Protect us and grant that our love may be in the image of the devotion and love of Christ for his Church. Grant us a long and fruitful life together, in joy and in peace, so that, through your Son and in the Holy Spirit, our hearts may always rise to you in praise and goods works. Prayer 5 Heavenly Father, I thank you for my husband. I thank you for all that he does on a daily basis to keep our family stable. I pray that you would continue to grace him to do all that you have purposed for him to do, and that your will for his life would be made clear. I pray that you would grant him wisdom and knowledge so that he can make Godly decisions in our home, and at his work place. I pray that he would find favor wherever he goes, and that he would be a blessing to everyone he meets. Help him to be a Godly husband to me, and a Godly father to our children. Let him be a man of influence for you. Let others look upon him and see the hope of your glory. Enable him to see himself as you see him, he is more than a conquer, and he can do all things through your strength. Father, silence all other voices in his mind, and his social circle that would tear him down and give him confidence and boldness in you Lord. Help him to come to know you more and more every day, and to seek your face and not the approval of man. Teach him to hear and follow your voice, in Jesus name, Amen. Prayer 6 Heavenly Father, I pray on today that you would help me to be a better wife to my husband. Teach me your ways oh Lord so that I may know them, and so that you would be pleased with me. Help me to show my husband honor as unto you Lord, and encourage him in all that he does. Help me to submit to his authority

and not rebel. For to rebel against him, is to rebel against you. Give me discernment Lord to know what to say, how to say it, and when not to say anything at all. Fill my mouth with good things so that I can build him up with my words. Let me be that safe, soft place that he can rest on when the world has beaten him down. Let me be the lifter of his head. I thank you for making me a suitable help meet for him. Thank you for making me a Godly wife, so that you may be glorified. In Jesus name, Amen. Prayer 7 Father God, I thank you for my wife. I thank you for all that she does on a daily basis to make sure our home runs smoothly. I pray that you would continue to give her grace, and that she would not ever feel overwhelmed. I pray that she would know her worth and her beauty, show her that she is fearfully and wonderfully made. Let her know that you have a plan to prosper her, and not harm her. Let her know that she does have a future and hope through you. Reveal to her your perfect plan for her life so that she may do only that which is pleasing to you. Help her to prioritize, and give her the boldness to say no when she needs to. Let her be the Godly woman you are calling her to be, and a Godly mother to our children. Give her strength to stand firm, and press through the hard times in her life. Help her not to be anxious about anything but to always make her request known to you by prayer. Draw her into a closer relationship with you that she may truly know you as her Father, her source. Speak to her in times of quietness and always direct her path as she places her trust in you. Prayer 8 Father God, help me to be a better husband to my wife. Teach me how to make her my number one priority and demonstrate to her her true value. Let my actions and decisions be trust worthy, and fair. Show me how to listen to her and welcome her counsel in my times of decision making. Make me aware of any plan, or scheme the enemy has launched against my wife so that I may stand against the adversary by the power of your might. Teach me not be overbearing where she is concerned, and never demanding. But instead show me how to demonstrate your perfect love to her. Help me to love her as you love the church. Here is a look at a great bedtime prayer to help you relax before resting for the night. This will reassure you that God is looking after you and send you a peaceful rest.

Chapter 7 : Philippians - Paul's Thanksgiving, Assurance, & Prayer

1. Translation. I thank my God every time I remember you Always in my every prayer for all of you I pray with joy because of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

A Prayer for the Church By BBC September 19, In a drawer in my church office are letters and notes that people have written to me through the years. It is nice to be able to go back and re-read nice cards and letters. I hope you have saved some that have meant a lot to you also so you can read them again. September 16, Philippians 1: Play in new window Download Duration: A significant portion of the New Testament is composed of letters by the Apostle Paul. Around the year 62, Paul was imprisoned in Rome and it was from there he wrote to the church in Philippi. Paul had a special relationship with the church in Philippi. Together they had been partners in giving, receiving, working, and rejoicing in what God was doing through them. Now Paul, their church founder, was in prison facing the threat of death. He hopes to be reunited with them once again, but the chance of that is not looking good. Whether he is with them or not, he writes to encourage them to continue to live out the gospel together in their community. The letter begins with a greeting and then words of thanksgiving. In verses , Paul expresses gratitude for his relationship with the church in the past. In verses , he shares his affection for them in the present. In circumstances that could understandably breed doubt, despair, even bitterness, Paul remembers all God has done and all he has experienced and he is grateful. He is trying to assure close friends who are worried about his being in prison and facing death that he has not been robbed of his joy. Their response to that adversity was to pray, sing hymns, and to witness to other prisoners and to the jailer who came to faith and whose entire family was baptized. They were bold about their faith and sought to be an encouragement to others rather than complaining about their own situation. Being in prison did not stop Paul nor the gospel, just as it failed to crush but in some ways served as an incubator for greater influence and impact for John Bunyan in England, Martin Luther King Jr. Beginning with thanksgiving, as Paul does, is good advice for our prayers individually and as a church. Paul is thankful as he remembers the church with joy and confidence, and he longs for them with the affection or compassion of Christ, with a love that is more than human affection. Do we remember and pray for other Christians? We are perhaps most likely to pray for others when they are in need, but there are other types of prayer. Paul knew the Philippians were praying for him and it meant a lot. Pastor Mary, Patti, and I need people praying for us just like Paul did. What if we turned our prayer sheet over and prayed during the week for the groups and events meeting at church “ who knows how God might use our prayers to transform lives? In our prayers for other Christians, how much time do we spend as Paul does, thankfully remembering them in joy, confidence and in love? This is an area we can probably grow in. Praying for others with thanksgiving is both good for the relationship and for strengthening faith. Paul was able to remember and give thanks for the church this way because they had expressed their commitment to the Lord and to each other by sharing in the work of the gospel through their prayers, mutual ministry, and their generous giving. How does it feel to receive a call or a card, email, or letter like that? We need these emotional pit stops even more than our cars need gas “ which is why we react differently to a card that is personally addressed to us from a friend versus yet another credit card solicitation. Email ads that invade our inbox are instantly eliminated without being opened, but a personal expression of thanks or appreciation is read, saved and read again. We live in an age of entitlement, of increased and often highly unrealistic expectations, a time when cynicism, negativity, rudeness, and anger are a part of everyday life. This is so much the case that sometimes even Christians who are in situations far more comfortable than a Roman prison have difficulty expressing themselves or their opinions in ways that are appropriately respectful, humble, considerate, appreciative, kind, and thankful. That is the danger of writing something down, it preserves whatever was said and our mood or emotional state at the time for anyone to see. This kind of correspondence is like someone letting the air out of our tires or putting a small hole in our emotional fuel tank “ it drains us and slows us down. Paul begins with thanksgiving and helps the church to feel encouraged and loved before he expresses anything else. Begin with thanksgiving “ specific, tangible, honest thanksgiving and then share with humility for their consideration what might make it even better. All of

us are far more willing to listen when spoken to in this way, yet often we fail to speak that way ourselves. Paul begins with thanksgiving for his past relationship with the church and then assures them of his great affection for all of them in the present. Review verses 4, 7, 7b, 8. People need to hear that we care for them. Finally, Paul shares a prayer of intercession for the future. Paul prays that the Philippians will grow and mature in love. Prayerful love combined with knowledge and discernment enables us to determine what is best. This season of the year, especially for families with children returning to school can be exciting and stressful or some of both. We will blink and Thanksgiving and Christmas will be right around the corner. Family relationships and dynamics can be especially challenging during the beginning and end of school and the holidays. For those of us who have lost loved ones this year, the first Thanksgiving and Christmas can be difficult. Some of us will have an empty chair at our table because of the loss of a loved one, but maybe this year it would be good for all us to place an empty chair at our tables to remember both our own loved ones as well as the many families who are grieving and finding it hard to give thanks. But as we look at that empty chair, may we rejoice at the life or lives that touched ours in special ways and may we look around the table to see those who are still present and sharing their love and life with us. Paul begins his letter to the Philippians, which was the next best thing to being there, by telling them: Give thanks for love and ministry that is shared at present. Pray for continued growth in love and knowledge so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. A healthy harvest requires appropriate amounts of sun and water. In the lives of Christians and churches, we also need the Son and the nurture and growth that come from an overflow of love that helps us to be our best and produce a harvest of righteousness.

Chapter 8 : Philippians , A Prayer for the Church

Philippians , A Prayer for the Church Together they had been partners in giving, receiving, working, and rejoicing in what God was doing through them.

Your browser does not support the audio element. There is a wonderful note of joy and thanksgiving that runs through this entire epistle, and yet as you know this is one of the so-called "prison epistles" written while Paul was a prisoner. It was written to the saints at Philippi. If you have an atlas you will find it was a Roman colony situated up in the area anciently called Macedonia. It was the first place Paul preached the gospel in Europe. You remember the thrilling account in the sixteenth chapter of Acts of Paul and Silas as they came into Macedonia, in answer to the Macedonian call, and ultimately ended up in a prison cell, where in the dead of the night they were singing praises to the Lord and an earthquake came and shook loose the prison walls and they were delivered. As someone has well put it, the gospel first entered Europe in a sacred concert which was so successful it brought down the house. So we have a tremendously interesting background to this letter to the Philippians. We probably know more about Philippi than any church, and the apostle was a prisoner awaiting trial. We have the background of this letter from his standpoint in the closing chapter of the book of Acts. In the sixteenth verse of chapter 28, Luke tells us "when we came into Rome Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him". But Luke also tells us in verse 30 he lived the two years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him preaching the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ quite openly and unhindered, so though he was fettered and guarded and watched continuously nevertheless he had a relative degree of freedom that permitted him to have his friends in, to have his own home. In that setting he wrote this letter to the church at Philippi. Now since this letter was written, long and very painful centuries have passed by and the world we live in is a great deal different from the world Paul lived in, but the essentials of Christian faith and practice are completely unchanged. That is why this letter speaks loudly and clearly to us today. As we look at the first eleven verses of this letter we will see here seven distinctives of a Christian. The ancient practice of correspondence had one very distinct advantage over our modern method. They signed their name at the beginning of the letter. Have you ever received a letter, perhaps two or three pages long, and had to flip through the pages to see the name at the end before you knew who the letter was from? The ancients were much more efficient, putting their name at the beginning. In Philippi was the sphere in which they lived it. Both are very important in this letter. For what these people would be as citizens in Philippi would be determined by who they were as Christians. This letter if addressed to us would be to the saints in Christ at the Peninsula, for "in Christ" is the source and atmosphere of our lives. The sphere in which we live it is on the Peninsula. As you read through this letter you will see that there are four major propositions that govern the Christian life. There is first of all those who are without Christ. There was a time when we all were without Christ, strangers, far-off, without any inheritance of our own. As Paul writes to the Ephesians, we were under the control of the God of this age, driven about by forces of which we were unaware and we entered into the same concepts and lies that people are brainwashed with everywhere. We were without Christ. Then there came a time. We became personally related to a living Love. We became part of Him, a throbbing vital part of His life. We were in Christ. Old things have passed away. All things become new. That is, our lives are lived on His behalf. He is the focus of every activity. And finally there will be that moment when, as we sang in our hymn this morning, "Face to face I shall behold Him" We shall be with Christ. These four propositions govern the Christian life. It begins, you see, by being in Christ, at Philippi or wherever we may be. These two elements, like nitrogen and oxygen, make up the atmosphere of the believer, an atmosphere from which we can never be successfully shut away. These are the two elements we continuously need and which are continuously available to us in Jesus Christ. Nothing can keep them from us. They are absolutely inexhaustible. We can never exhaust them, and in this atmosphere of grace and peace from God all Christians live. Peace is the inevitable result of the activity of grace. Why is the Christian attitude different from others? Why are we not like the rest of the world--dissatisfied and discontented? Well, sometimes we are! When we are it is because we are not being all we could be in Jesus Christ. Why are we

not? How do we find this peace that permits us to live untroubled lives in the midst of very troubled circumstances? We are members of a family, and we need each other very, very much. There is no such thing as a solitary Christian, one who has no relationship with anyone else. I know occasionally you meet people who because of difficulties they experience in Christian relationships want to go live their lives by themselves. They never want to come to church or have anything to do with other Christians. When I hear that I am immediately suspicious as to whether they are really Christians, because one of the first signs the scriptures tell us of new life in Christ is that we love the brethren. You notice how Paul thanks God continually for all of the believers in Philippi. He needed them--even the irritating ones, and there were some. Paul loved them all! You notice how he specifically says "always in every prayer of mine for you all. Now what is he thankful for? First, for the recollection he has of them. That prayer meeting out by the riverside where he first met Lydia, that remarkable business woman who was the means of opening the gospel in that whole city. And then the occasion when they were thrown into prison and God did such a marvelous miracle of deliverance for them, resulting in the salvation of the Philippian Roman jailor. I think Paul always looked with humor on how all the city fathers came down to the prison to apologize for throwing him into jail and escorted him out of town, giving him a special honorary escort. He is thankful for their participation, you see, for their partnership in the gospel, for this one church above all others sent him help from time to time. How much this association means to him! He was looking at them with the eye of faith. He was sure that He who began a good work in them was going to finish it, so he could say even though you rub me the wrong way once in awhile I know what you are going to be. I think this is the key to getting along with other Christians. I remember hearing once of an artist who called a friend in and asked him to comment on a picture he was painting. He said, "this is my masterpiece. It just looks like dabs of different colors to me, without form or anything. You are seeing it as it is now. What a comforting verse. Many times, I confess, in times of discouragement with myself when I utterly despaired of being what I ought to be, because I was so aware, as you must be at times, of the deceitfulness and subtlety of the flesh, that even when I want to be, I end up deceiving myself. I see the utter futility of depending on me to get this job done. You see his confidence is placed in a Person, not on himself. Some of you remember Dr. Gerhard Dirks telling us how he became aware that the electronic computers with which he works which he helped to invent, cannot correct their own problems. They must rely upon the operator to clear out all the error, and how this convinced him that he could not change his own life no matter how much he wanted to, but he must come back to the one who made him. That brought him to Christ. This is what Paul is saying. We are all, if we know Christ, in the hands of the One who can change us. God knows how to bring us into the circumstances that will make us willing to be made willing, if He needs to. I think the impression is often given by we Christians today that our main task is to keep Christianity going. These early Christians gave the very clear impression that it was their faith in Christ that kept them going. There are those who tell us that we can lose our Christian life, but if this is something we can lose, then it must be based on some human factor, that it depends on us. I am so grateful that this rests upon a Person who is capable of doing the work. Thanks be to God who is able to keep us from falling. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. That is how I hold you in my heart. This is the secret of loving the unlovely. Sometimes we are called to do that, you know. If a man, woman, boy or girl is a brother or sister in Christ, we are expected to love them. Not only that, we can love them. Well, how do we do it?

Chapter 9 : Prayers for Ministry Partners | Prayers That Avail Much

Each of the 16 cards has a prayer and a scripture reference and are great to keep in your purse and card as a reminder to pray often for your friend, prayer partner or sister.

By Lesli White Shutterstock. It is an opportunity to become one with the Creator and Giver of all things. Prayer helps us to find strength for today and hope for our future. We should actively pray and trust in its power to change our circumstances for good. Your faith life directly correlates to the quality of your prayer life. Prayer has the power to change not only the people and things around you. Prayer also has the power to protect you from all harm, including the enemy and all his evil pursuits. Our world is filled with events and situations that can cause great fear and anxiety. Here are seven prayers for protection and safety. He will direct Your paths for good. Heavenly Father, I come to You today giving thanks. Thank you for keeping and protecting me. Thank you for Your guidance and direction. Thank you for picking me up when I was at my lowest. You are an awesome God and it is because of You I choose to live and walk in Your favor. In Your name I pray. We might not really understand that, but we can think of the way a loving parent cares for a child or the way you might take care of a friend you care for. In your prayer time, thank God for all the ways He cares for and protects you. Sometimes I forget to cast all my cares upon You, and spend more time and effort in worrying than focusing on the peace that comes from resting in Christ. Help me to open my understanding through Your Word and realize that worry not only robs me of our joy and peace in the Lord, but is rooted in the sin of unbelief. Whenever I am lost, please provide me with a better understanding that You alone are the One that will replace foolish worries with divine wisdom. For Personal Protection Unless we avail ourselves within the protective arms of God, we leave ourselves vulnerable to the attacks of the evil one. Heavenly Father, I come to You today, bowing in my heart, asking for protection from the evil one. Lord, we are assailed moment by moment with images on television, the internet, books and newspapers that leave us vulnerable to sin of every kind. Surround us with Your divine hedge of protection. Encompass us with Your strength and might. Let all who take refuge in You be glad, let them ever sing for joy. And may You shelter us, that those who love Your name may exult in You. Heavenly Father, as I arise today, I pray that Your strength pilot me, Your power uphold me, and Your wisdom guide me. May Your eye look before me, Your hand protect me and Your shield, defend me. You have an adversary who wants to attack your desires, your thoughts, even how you see and treat your body. Heavenly Father, You give us life. You hold all power in Your hands. In You are only good things. In You is healing of the nations. In You is freedom from worry and freedom from pain. Today, I ask that you forgive me of my faults, my sins, and anything else that may separate me from You. In Your Spirit, Your gift of healing is alive. In You Lord, I can place my trust. Protect me from the enemy, that I may choose life over death today. At this time of much needed healing and change, I pray that I be born again in You.