

EPHESIANS

Prayer For The Saints II



Ephesians 3:14-16

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being,



Ephesians 3:17-19

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



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The Posture (Position)



The Posture

14 (For this reason) I bow my knees before the
Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and
on earth is named,



The Reason

“For this reason...”



The Reason

- He Blessed us with every spiritual blessing
- He Chose us before the foundation of the world
- He Made us blameless
- He adopted us
- He predestined us



The Reason

- He redeemed us
- He forgave us of our sins
- He gave us an inheritance
- He gave us His Holy Spirit



The Reason

Took us from...	Brought us to
Death	Life
Walking in sin	Walking in blessing and purpose
Children of wrath	His workmanship
Aimless wandering	Seating with Him in Heavenly places



The Reason

- He united Jew and Gentile making us all ONE NEW MAN
- He has revealed His mystery that this new man is His chosen people.



The Reason

1. When you think about God and all He has done, what is the posture of your heart?
2. What reasons do you have for being in awe of God?
3. How do your reasons stack up against Paul's?



The Petition (Prayer)



The Petition

16 that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being,



The Petition

Romans 7:21-23

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.



The Petition

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,



Ephesians 2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



The Petition

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love,



The Petition

John 14:21

“...21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”



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The Petition

“You cannot grasp or experience consciously the love of God for you apart from omnipotent, divine, supernatural power enabling you to experience it”

– John Piper



Romans 5:3-5

3 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.



The Petition

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The Petition

2 Peter 1:3

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence



The Praise (Doxology)



The Praise

20 Now to Him who is able to do far more
abundantly than all that we ask or think, according
to the power at work within us,



The Praise

21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.



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