

**Reflection Questions:** How often do I ask for prayers on my behalf? Why don't I ask more often? How can I encourage and help others to become better prayer warriors? How often do I pray for the people of my church?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Message #125: *Paul's Prayer Requests*

September 3, 2017

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

### Quotes to Ponder

*Christians can always help a struggling brother or sister by praying. Christians can always come alongside those whom they have never met, by praying for them. We can give up our time for those who are giving up their lives, in prayer. We may not be on the mission field, but we are always to be on mission by being on our knees.*

Timothy Keller

*Paul, the apostle of sovereign grace, believes in the efficacy of prayer, which is mysterious in its working but mighty in its power with God.*

S. Lewis Johnson, Jr.

*Perhaps the cardinal characteristic of a person who faithfully does the will of God is prayer.*

John MacArthur

*I must pray, pray, pray. I must put all my energy and all my heart into prayer. Whatever else I do, I must pray.*

Rueben A. Torrey

*The divine purpose of prayer is to magnify the greatness of God. Prayer exists for the glory of God.*

John Piper

*There is a very real struggle going on between the forces of good and evil, and a most significant part of that struggle is in prayer.*

Leon Morris

*Prayer is the gymnasium of the school.*

Samuel Zwemer

*May the cause of Christ and His gospel so dominate our lives that, like Paul, we will live our lives to the glory of God and to the furthering of His kingdom.*

Bob Deffinbaugh

Ashland Bible Church  
www.ashlandbiblechurch.com  
541-482-8644

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Why is prayer such a struggle for many Christians?

3. What motivates you to pray? What discourages you from praying?

4. When was the last time you agonized and wrestled in prayer?

5. Since Paul is praying, why does he need others to pray as well (*Romans 15:30*)? Why have prayer chains and prayer groups? If God is God, and it is His power that makes a difference in answering prayer, why does it matter how many people ask Him?

How does *2 Corinthians 1:10b-11* answer this question?

6. What are Paul's requests in *Romans 15:31*?

7. How were his requests answered (*Acts 21-28*)?

8. Read through Paul's prayers listed below. What does he pray for? How can his prayers shape our prayer life?

*Ephesians 1:15-23* —

*Colossians 1:9-14* —

*Ephesians 3:14-21* —

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13* —

*Philippians 1:9-11* —

9. How can God's absolute sovereignty be perfectly harmonious with human prayer?

10. How can you do for some missionary what Paul wanted the Roman Christians to do for him (*Romans 15:24, 30-32*)?

11. Don't pass over the little phrase *so that* in *Romans 15:32*. What does the phrase mean?

12. Here are some of Paul's *so that* prayers. What can you learn from them?

*Romans 15:13* —

*Colossians 1:11* —

*Ephesians 1:17* —

*1 Thessalonians 3:13* —

*Ephesians 3:17* —

*2 Thessalonians 1:12* —

*Philippians 1:10* —

13. Who do you go to for *refreshing rest* (*Romans 15:32*)?

14. Whose struggle could you enter into by praying for them right now?

15. Explain the phrase, *the God of peace* (*Romans 15:33*).