

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS IN THE NEW YEAR

Paul's Prayers in Ephesians 1 & 3

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. **Ephesians 1:18-19a**

Lord open my eyes to see Your PLAN for my life and teach me how to appropriate Your PROVISION & POWER to accomplish it.

Am I living for my gratification or God's glorification?

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might...when He raised Christ from the dead... And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. **Ephesians 1:19b-23**

I place my faith in God who raises the dead by offering my WEAKNESS to be God's OPPORTUNITY to display His STRENGTH.

Am I focusing on my inability or trusting God's ability?

...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; **Ephesians 3: 16**

Lord continually cleanse my inner man (thoughts, affections, & will) so there will be NOTHING BETWEEN US.

Am I walking in total honesty and transparency before God, confessing and forsaking all sin to walk in agreement & harmony with Him?

...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; Ephesians 3: 17a

Lord I surrender MY HEART to be CHRIST'S HOME where He will know NO RIVAL, NO REFUSAL, and NO RETREAT.

Is Jesus comfortable living in my heart?

...and that you, being rooted & grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, Ephesians 3: 17b-19a

Lord I open my heart to RECEIVE YOUR LOVE in order to SHARE YOUR LOVE with others.

Do I receive other people as gifts from God providing me the opportunity to learn how to love others as Christ loved me?

...that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3: 19b

Lord FILL ME WITH CHRIST that I might FILL MY WORLD WITH CHRIST.

Am I living to know Christ to make Him known to the world?

Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Lord revive and use me by YOUR POWER and for YOUR GLORY!

Are my prayers focused on God changing me or my circumstances?

