

## **Praying in God's Will Colossians 1:9-12**

### **I. Prompting of Prayer - 1:9**

1. "From the day we heard" – 9.  
Report he heard from Epaphras – 7  
He heard of their faith in Christ - 4  
He heard of their love for all the saints - 4  
He heard of their hope for the future - 5  
He heard of their response to the Gospel – 5-6  
He heard of the fruit being produced in their lives – 6
2. "We have not ceased to pray for you" – 9  
Having not met them this report prompted him  
He continued to pray for them "have not ceased"
3. Note in verse 3 "praying for you"

This is "the inheritance of the saints in light"  
1Peter1:4-5

### **II. Petitions of Prayer 1:9-12**

1. Be filled with the knowledge of His Will - 9  
Love seeks to please the one loved  
We need to learn what would please Him  
What is His will, His desire, His purpose?  
That we might be conformed to image of His Son  
Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:2  
Prayer focuses on His will not ours – Matt. 6:10
2. For spiritual wisdom, understanding - 9  
So they would discern what is His will  
This comes as we yield to Holy Spirit's control  
Romans 8:26-27
3. Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord - 10  
Fully pleasing to Him  
A lifestyle that pleases our Lord  
That responds to what He has done for us
4. Being Fruitful in every good work - 10  
God's design in salvation is to make us godly  
To do good works – Eph. 2:10  
As sinners we could not do any good in God's eyes  
By His transforming power we can now do good works  
Godliness is God-likeness  
Holy Spirit produces this fruit in us - Gal. 5:22-23
5. Increasing in the Knowledge of God - 10  
To please someone we must get to know them  
To know their desires, their will  
This is a growth process that continues  
Spending time listening to what God says
6. Being Strengthened with all power - 11  
His glorious power is source of our strength  
Paul prays that this might be a reality in our experience  
This power strengthens us, enabling us to be:  
Patient even in the most difficult circumstances  
Long-suffering even with the most difficult people  
Patient and long-suffering with true joyfulness
7. Giving thanks to The Father -12  
"Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance"  
You are qualified because you are in Christ  
He is heir to all things and we are in Him

