

**Praying for Others  
in Christ  
Ephesians 3:13-21**

**I. The Prompting of Prayer - 3:13-15**

1. They might be distressed by his trials - 13  
He explained, his imprisonment was for their glory  
This is God's will, working out of His eternal plan  
His message from God must be proclaimed  
He doesn't want them to be discouraged by this
2. He prays that they might understand – 14-15  
With bowed knee he submits to God's will - 14  
Father knows what is best for His family – 14-15  
He is Father of our Lord Jesus, we can trust Him  
His plan is perfect for His family in heaven & earth

**II. The Petition of Prayer - 3:16**

1. Request - That they might be strengthened  
Be spiritually strong in the inner man  
Doesn't want them to faint because of his trials
2. Resource- "according to riches of His glory"  
Unlimited resources upon which we can draw  
God is able to give us all the strength we need  
In His provision we can face any trial
3. Reality- "by the power of His Spirit"  
Riches of God's provision comes through His Spirit  
In His Spirit we have all we need to face trials

**III. The Purpose in Prayer - 3:17-19**

1. That Christ's presence might be a reality - 17  
"Dwell" means to settle down and be at home  
Christ is in you, you need to become more aware
2. You might be rooted & grounded in His love - 17  
Confident of His love you will not be easily moved
3. You may comprehend the fullness of His love - 18  
Its breadth - wide enough to include all  
Its length - unending, never ceasing, everlasting  
Its depth - how far Christ was willing to go for us  
Its height - how high His love has lifted us - 2:6
4. You may experience fullness of His love - 19  
That His love might fill our lives  
Paul realizes His love is beyond our full knowing  
Yet there is room for us to grow in this knowledge
5. You might be filled with the fullness of God - 19  
That we might continue to be restored to His image  
That the attributes of God might be mirrored in us  
God is love – 1 John 4:7-8  
All of the fullness of God dwells in Jesus Christ  
Christ dwells in us & seeks to conform us to Him  
That others might be able to see God in our lives  
The fruit of the Spirit is love – Galatians 5:22

**IV. The Praise of Prayer - 3:20, 21**

**As Paul prays he breaks out in praise to God who is able to do all for which he prays**

1. God is able to do all that we ask of Him - 20  
He is able to go far beyond what we might imagine  
He will give us what He knows we need even if not what we ask  
Don't limit God nor His power available to us  
God can strengthen us & complete His plan in us
2. God is worthy of all glory & honor in the church  
Our praise & worship is acceptable to Him in Christ  
Our worship & praise will ascend to Him eternally