

## Pray for all the Saints

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We are probably all familiar with the passage that tells us to put on the whole armor of God. The Apostle Paul adds something on to the end, though, that I'd like to remind us about:

Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

In order to properly pray for all the saints, we need to recognize WHO the Saints actually are. When Paul sees a certain two qualities in people, he is moved to pray special prayers for them:

<p>Ephesians 1:1-21</p> <p>Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, <b>to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:</b></p> <p>2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:</p> <p>4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:</p> <p>5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,</p> <p>6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.</p> <p>7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;</p> <p>8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;</p> <p>9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:</p> <p>10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:</p> <p>11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:</p> <p>12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.</p> <p>13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of</p>	<p>v.1 Paul lists "<u>the saints</u>" alongside "faithful in Christ" as though addressing the same group in Ephesus.</p> <p>v.2-14 Paul describes just what kind of people "the saints" are.</p>
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promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,**

**16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;**

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that ye may know** what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Ephesians 3:14-21

14 For this cause **I bow my knees** unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom **the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Colossians 1:1-15

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,

**2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse:**

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,**

**4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, AND of the love which ye have to all the saints,**

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for

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v.15-16 Paul sets an example for us when he prays special prayers for people after he has mentioned TWO certain qualities they show:

1. Faith in the Lord Jesus
2. Love for all the Saints

v.18 Paul's prayer is that they might know the things, the things he goes on to describe in the rest of this epistle, this book.

Eph. 3:14-21 Paul continues his prayer for the church in Ephesus and sets another example for us with his prayers "for all the saints."

v.15 "The saints" are associated with "the whole family in heaven and earth" named from the beginning "Christians."

v.2 Paul lists "the saints" alongside "the faithful brethren in Christ" as though addressing the same group of people at Colosse.

v.3-4 Paul & Timothy give thanks to God and pray for you because they see TWO things in them:

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you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;  
10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;  
11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;  
12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:  
13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:  
14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:  
15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

### Philemon 1-7

Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and **to the church in thy house:**

3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

5 Hearing of **thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, AND toward all saints:**

6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

v.2 Paul writes "to the church in thy house" in the same way as in his other epistles where he normally writes "to the saints" although they are synonymous.

v.3 Grace & peace are part of their prayers for themselves.

v.5 TWO things:

1. Love & faith toward the Lord Jesus
2. And toward all the Saints.

"Saints" means "holy ones" in the Greek (*hagíous*). The New Testament teaches that there is only one way to become holy – by grace, (forgiveness), through faith in Jesus Christ. This faith in Christ must not be dead but must be a living faith in Christ, that is, accompanied by works of obedience to Christ.

James 2:20 KJV

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that

faith [in Christ]

without works [of obedience to Christ]

is dead?

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Obedience to Christ is that we love one another.

Galatians 5:6

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.**

1 John 3:22-24

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

**23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, AND love one another, as he gave us commandment.**

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

John 15:7-17

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

**12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.**

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

**17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.**

v.23 TWO things form the Father's commandment

1. Belief on the name of His Son Jesus Christ (*the Lord Jesus*) and
2. Love for one another (*love for fellow Christians*) "*love for all the saints*".

v.8 "Bear fruit," the evidence of being Christ's disciples. The fruit of the Spirit is listed in Galatians 5:22, "Love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance."

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, **to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi**, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,**

**4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all** making request with joy,

**5 For your fellowship in the gospel** from the first day until now;

**6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good**

v.1 Paul addresses the recipients of his epistle as "to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi."

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work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, **ye all are partakers of my grace.**

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

9 **And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;**

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

v.5 When praying for them, Paul notes their “fellowship” referring to their shared “faith in the Lord Jesus.”

v.9 Paul recognizes their love and prays that it will abound. Their love can be a way of referring to their “love for all the”

1 John 4:7-5:5

Beloved, let us **love one another**: for love is of God; and **every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. **If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

13 **Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us,** because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 **Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.**

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.**

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 **If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?**

21 **And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.**

5:1 **Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: AND every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**

2 **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:** and his

v.7 “Everyone who loves” alludes to “all the saints.”

v.12 “love one another” alludes to “love for all the saints.”

v.15 “confesses that Jesus is the Son of God” alludes to “faith in the Lord Jesus.”

v.16 “abides in love” alludes to “love for all the saints” (because one cannot love God without loving his fellow Christians, “all the saints”).

v.21 “He who loves God must love his brother” is the core of this teaching.

5:1 TWO things:

1. “believeth that Jesus is the Christ (the Lord Jesus)”

commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

**5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?**

2. "loveth him who is begotten of  
*the saints*)

v.5 "He who believes that Jesus is the  
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longer part of the world, therefore.

1 Peter 4:8

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for **charity shall cover the multitude of sins.**

James 2:8-26

**If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:**

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

**14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?**

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

**17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.**

**18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

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**20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?**

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

**24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.**

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

**26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

James 1:22-25

**But be ye doers of The Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

23 For if any be a hearer of The Word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into The Perfect Law of Liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Jesus is The Word, John 1:1-3. He commanded that we love one another, that is, love all our fellow Christians, "love all the saints." Paul teaches us to "pray for all the saints," that is, "pray for all Christians," that is, "pray for whoever believes on the Lord Jesus Christ AND loves all Christians."

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