



Pray Like You Know the Risen Christ

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 1:15–23 (NIV)

Sermon Question

He Is Risen! Pray Like You Know the Risen Christ!

He Is Risen! Don't Stop Giving Thanks.

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16 (NIV)

He Is Risen! Keep on Asking!

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.
Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

He Is Risen! Keep Praying for Others to Know...

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...

...the hope to which he has called you (1:18),

...the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people (1:18),

...and his incomparably great power for us who believe (1:19)

Live It!

Seek the Lord!

Serve Others!

Open It

How do we typically pray for other believers? What was the last thing you asked God for on behalf of another Christian?

Read It

Read Ephesians 1:15-23

Consider It

How was Paul's prayer different from ours?

How was Paul's prayer shaped by the past, present, and future?

- 1:15-16
- 1:17
- 1:18-19a

What moved Paul to prayer and thanksgiving (1:15-16)?

What does Paul keep asking God the Father to give (1:17)?

And why?

What is the nature of the power at work in us (Phil. 2:13) and on our behalf as believers in Christ (1:19-21)?

How do you know that Christ's power is sufficient for your life?

What should we learn from Paul's example? How will we pray differently for other believers?

Live It!

Take time today in prayer

- Offering Praise to God for Who He Is (See Eph. 1:3-14)
- Thanking God for What He is Doing in Other Believers by name
- Asking God to work in (name) to help them know Him better, the Hope that is ours in Christ, and His power at work on our behalf