



Studies in Philippians:
Bearing the Mark of Joy
"The Joy of Participating in the Gospel"
Philippians 1:1-11

Sermon Proposition

Bear the Mark of Joy. Partner in the Gospel through Prayer.

Pray with Gratitude1:3-5

Pray with Confidence 1:6

Pray Out of Love 1:7-8

Live It!

- ✓ Join Us in Daily Bible Reading
- ✓ Use the Discussion Guide with your family or a group of friends
- ✓ Partner in the Gospel through Prayer

Heavenly Father,

I ask you to begin a new work in us today knowing that you are faithful to complete every work you begin. Continue your work in us until it is completed for the glory of Christ and good of all people.

I pray that our love for each other will overflow more and more, and that we will keep on growing—understanding what really matters.

Produce in our lives the fruit of the Spirit and give us the joy of making disciples—reproducing after Christ’s-kind. In Jesus name, Amen.

Open It!

What is it like to listen as someone prays for you? Imagine sitting in the room and listening to the Apostle Paul pray for you and your family, small group, or church family. What would touch your heart?

Read It!

Philippians 1:1-11

Consider It!

What motivated Paul's prayer for the Philippians (1:3-5)?

How long had the Philippian believers partnered with Paul in the gospel (1:5)? Look at Acts 16:13-15 and 16:27-34. How did these Lydia and the Philippian jailer support Paul in the work of the gospel?

What was Paul's confidence in praying for the Philippians (1:6-7)?

What good work will you trust God to bring to completion in your life, your family, and our church because of the grace of God?

What were the things God as to accomplish among the believers at Philippi (1:9-10)? Paul prayed...

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- that
- that

How does Paul's prayer encourage us to pray for others?

For whom would God have you pray?

- a child
- a family member
- another believer
- our church family

How might our church family be transformed if we faithfully prayed this prayer for each other?