

Prayer Guide

Monday - August 28, September 4

Philippians 1:3-5

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

Often when we face challenging times, we run and cling to God. Yet some challenges cause others to run from God. During your time in prayer today, pray for those in our churches that God brings to your mind. Thank God for their ***“participation in the gospel”***. Pray that everyone will continue to cling to God and not run from Him.

Tuesday - August 29, September 5

Philippians 1:8-9

8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment.

Pray that throughout this process, regardless of the outcome that we will love each other. In our circumstances this means to love those whose opinions are different than ours. It may mean to love those who are new to us. Jesus said the world will know he came from God by the love we have for one another (John 17:20f).


Wednesday - August 30, September 6

Philippians 1:12-14

12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, 13 so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, 14 and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

Paul's ultimate goal in life was to advance the gospel. He even states later that even though some were preaching with less than pure motives, he rejoiced in the fact that the gospel was being proclaimed.

Pray that our focus will not be on personalities or personal preferences but that the gospel will be advanced.



Thursday - August 31, September 7

Philippians 2:1-2

1 If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Paul revisits the issue of unity again as he will several times in this letter. Unity is a critical issue to Paul in writing to these believers. Paul's point in verse 2 is to act as one unit. Pray that as we move forward we will act as one unit. Pray for Sunday that there will be unity of purpose as we move forward.

Friday - September 1, September 8

Philippians 2:19-22

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. 20 For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. 22 But you know of his proven worth that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.

Paul and Timothy were a team. Yes to be sure Paul was the CEO and Timothy was the VP. Notice how Paul refers to Timothy as one with "kindred spirit", "genuinely concerned about your welfare" and "served with me". Focus on another characteristic of Timothy, "his proven worth". This phrase is not a commendation on his worth as a child of God but one of how he faithfully served in the advancement of the gospel. Pray today that we as individuals and as a church will be found faithful in advancing the gospel.

Saturday - September 2, September 9

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

These two verses might be the most well known verses to you from the Book of Philippians. These last few weeks and months have been anxious days for many. I must include myself in that category. Far too many times I have become anxious over an individual's reaction, a far too demanding schedule, or uncertainty of the future. Yet I have experienced the peace of God when I have brought my anxiety to God.

If you are anxious today, bring your anxiety to God. Pray today that we all will experience the peace that settles the soul. As we look toward our vote. I pray we all will experience the peace God brings when we bring our concerns to Him. Peace.