

## **Eagerly Watching!**

**Psalm 5:3** - NASB

“In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;  
in the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.”

After we pray, what do we do? David said that he would “eagerly watch” as he lived in anticipation of what God would do.

I want us to live in great expectation of what God is going to do in and through our lives in relation to the kingdom of God. Most of our prayers focus on things in the physical realm. I want us to long for progress in our lives in relation to the spiritual realm, in our relationship with God and His kingdom.

So, today, I am asking you to take the time to pray for yourself and for someone else using the content of Paul’s prayers for the believers at Ephesus (found in Ephesians 1 and 3):

## **PRAYER GUIDE for Ephesians 1:18-19a**

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know:

1. what is the hope of His calling,
2. what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and
3. what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.”

The following is only an example. Use your own words as you work through it, focusing on particular aspects of your personal relationship with God.

“Lord, please open the eyes of my heart. Help me to see spiritual truths that are vital to my growth and success as a Christian. I want to know You more, and please You with who I am and by what I do.”

“Dear Jesus, let me hear You speak to my heart that I may know:

- A. Your call to salvation (if you are already saved, this is so that you will have assurance of your salvation),
- B. Your call to sanctification, that I may be like You in purity, in character and in behavior, ...and...
- C. Your call to service, that I may know how You want me to serve You in relation to Your kingdom.”

“Heavenly Father, reveal to me how rich I am in that You have provided me with every spiritual blessing including eternal life in heaven. Knowing the future is settled, I can spend my time focusing on You and Your kingdom rather than seeking to find fulfillment in the things of this world.”

“Holy Spirit, fill me with Your presence and power so that I can accomplish that which otherwise I would never be able to do. Give me Your power to be who you have called me to be in this world of spiritual darkness.”

Now, go back and use the guide to pray this prayer for someone else.

Then, this week, **PUT FEET on your PRAYERS by:**

1. Making a **CALL** or connect with someone with a “spiritual” encouragement.  
[Like... with a “Thank you” for their work in the Lord.]  
[Like... with a Scripture that applies to some problem or issue they face.]
2. Sharing with someone some of the **RICHERS** of your inheritance.  
[Like unsolicited or underserved kindness or patience.]  
[Like forgiveness and a gesture towards loving reconciliation.]  
[Like sharing a gift or financial blessing to help or encourage someone.]
3. Sharing the **POWER** of God with someone.  
[Like sharing the Gospel with someone – Romans 1:16.]  
[Like praying for someone in relation to an illness, surgery, problem, etc.]  
[Like praying THIS PRAYER for someone every day for a week.]

## PRAYER GUIDE for Ephesians 3:14-21

I pray you are “strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man

1. so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you may
2. comprehend what is the breadth, length, height, and depth of God’s love.
3. For God is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us” (NASB – excerpts).

Pray this prayer for yourself first, then for other individuals as God leads.

The following is only an example. Use your own words as you work through it, focusing on particular aspects of your personal relationship with God.

“Lord, thank You, that Your Holy Spirit lives inside of me, having purchased me with Your blood.” - [1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Revelation 5:9]

- A.** May Your PRESENCE take control as You indwell my life.
- B.** May Your PEACE and LOVE characterize my essence and behavior.
- C.** May Your POWER do in and through me whatever pleases You.

**A.** “Jesus, make my life Your home!” (Eph. 3:17) - (like moving into a house)

1. Clean me up! - [1 John 1:7, 9 / Romans 6:2-4 / 2 Corinthians 5:17]
2. Unload Your “stuff” in this house - [Galatians 5:22-23 / James 3:17]
3. Remodel as necessary (change me)! - [Ephesians 2:10 / Isaiah 64:8]

**B.** “Heavenly Father, fill me up with Your incalculable love!” (Eph. 3:18-19)

1. Thank You for the magnitude (“**breadth**”) of Your love!  
[John 3:16 / Romans 5:5]
2. Thank You for the Endurance (“**length**”) of Your love!  
[Psalm 103:17 / Romans 8:35, 38-39]
3. I rejoice in how great (“**height**”) Your love is!  
[Psalm 57:10 / Psalm 103:11]
4. Thank You for reaching all the way down (“**depth**”) to me with love!  
[Psalm 40:1-3 / Hebrews 2:9]

“May Your love and peace flow in my words, behavior, and life!”

[1 Corinthians 13:4-8a / 2 Corinthians 4:6-10 / Luke 6:45]

**C.** “Holy Spirit, be glorified by doing Your will in my life!” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

1. Secure me in salvation – [Heb. 7:25 / 1 Peter 1:3-5 / John 10:27-29]
2. Empower me to be godly – [Jude 24 / 1 Cor. 10:13 / 1 Peter 1:13-16]
3. Give me victory in trials – [John 16:33 / Jeremiah 32:17 / Phil. 4:6-7]
4. Use me in Your kingdom – [John 15:5 / 1 Peter 4:10-11 / Rom. 6:13]

Now, pray this for someone else, using their name in each prayer and request.