

Discussion Guide

Praying to Change Lives
September 6, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

This week each campus has the opportunity to hear from each of our campus ministers for the sermon. Last week we began our new series through the book of Colossians. The book of Colossians is a letter from Paul to the believers in Colossae, who he had heard about their passionate faith, love, and hope in Christ. As we move forward in Colossians, we are looking this week at how we are meant to pray and what we are meant to pray.

- What are your Fall plans? Do you have anything you are looking forward to this season?
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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ COLOSSIANS 1:9-12 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What do you think Paul means by prayer without ceasing? How does his thankfulness relate to his prayerfulness?
 - How are spiritual knowledge, wisdom, and understanding related?
 - How does the Holy Spirit empower people to have endurance, patience, and joy in life?
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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- Do you find yourself more often asking God to change your circumstances or to change you? How might your walk with Jesus look differently if you focused on how God wants to work in your own heart?
 - What does it look like to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, like our passage says? What area of your life do you need to begin to walk more wholeheartedly with the Lord in?
 - Verse 9 talks about being filled with the knowledge of God's will. How can we discern God's will, in our own lives and in general?
 - Who in your life that doesn't know the Lord are you actively pursuing a relationship with? How are you praying for them?
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KEY VERSE:

Colossians 1:9

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding

NEXT STEPS:

- I will pray for God to strengthen me to have endurance, patience, and joy.
- I will pray for God to strengthen me through trials
- I will pray for God to transform me to be more like Jesus
- I am praying for _____ from my impact list.

