

SERMON GUIDE

The Characteristics of Paul's Prayers

Philippians 1:3-11

Big Idea: Paul models prayer that is full of gospel-shaped affection and gospel-focused purpose.

I. Paul Prayed with **Passion**

- He was _____. (v. 3)
- He was _____. (vv. 4-5)
- He was _____. (v. 6)
- He was _____ and _____. (vv. 7-8)
- He was _____. (vv. 9-11)

II. Paul Prayed with **Purpose**

- He was centered on the _____.
 - Gospel _____ (vv. 3-5)
 - Gospel _____ (v. 6)
 - Gospel _____ (vv. 7-11)
- He was concerned with the expression of genuine _____.
 - Love for _____.
 - Love for your _____.

Key Text to Remember:

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

WORD NOTES

Partnership in the gospel:

Affection of Christ Jesus:

Knowledge and discernment:

Fruit of righteousness:

SERMON NOTES

How Would You Describe Your Prayer for Others?

<p>Are you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thankful • Joyful • Hopeful • Personal & Emotional • Thoughtful 	<p>Or are you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ungrateful • Discouraged • Hopeless • Impersonal and Cold • Memorized
<p>What are you asking God to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For gospel growth • For gospel confidence • For gospel effectiveness in others 	<p>Prayer response for today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A name I should pray for: • A need I should bring to God: • One change I need to make in my prayers:

Prayer Prompt

Lord, teach me to pray for others with gratitude, joy, confidence in Your work, deep love, and a desire for their spiritual growth and usefulness for Your glory.

Weekly Practice

Day	Person / Need	Prayed?
Sunday		<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday		<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday		<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday		<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday		<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday		<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday		<input type="checkbox"/>