## **COLOSSIANS 1:9-12**

Prayer
9 So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you
Romans 1:9 God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his Son.
Ephesians 1:15 Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, 16 I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly,
Philippians 1:4 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,
1 Thessalonians 1:2 We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.
Wisdom
9We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.
Proverbs 2:2 Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. 3 Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. 4 Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. 5 Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. 8 He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. 9 Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go. 10 For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. 11 Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.
Growth

10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

Matthew 7:17 A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.

- 18 A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit.
- 19 So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.
- 20 Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

James 3:13 If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

Strength
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11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, 12 always thanking the Father....

Hebrews 10:35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

- 36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.
- 2 Peter 1:5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge.
- 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,
- 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.
- 8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

 The Inheritance	

12 ...He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

Titus 3:7 Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Revelation 21:5 And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

6 And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life.

7 All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.