



# Biblical, Faithful Prayer

Ephesians 1:15–23

- 1) Christians love Christ *and* the saints through prayer (15)
  - a) They direct their prayers to God, understanding who He is (17, 19-20)
  - b) They perpetually pray for other Christians, giving thanks for them (16)
    - i) Asking God to grant them a spirit of wisdom (17)
    - ii) Requesting God reveal His truths to them (17)
    - iii) Being reminded of their own enlightenment (18-20)
      - (1) Of their assurance of God's calling
      - (2) Of the riches of God's glory being their eternal inheritance
      - (3) Of the surpassing greatness of God's power
- 2) Our power in prayer is fueled by the strength of God's might (20-23)
  - a) He raised Christ from the dead
  - b) He seated Christ at His right hand in the heavens
    - i) Christ sits above all rule and authority
    - ii) His name is above all names
    - iii) All things are in subjection to Christ
    - iv) He is the Head of the Church, His body
- 3) Applications
  - a) Big requests honor a BIG God
  - b) Pray your prayer, and let God do what He does
  - c) God's power is perfected in our weakness