

*which I am in chains.*<sup>4</sup> *Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.* Colossians 4:3-4

### **Make the most of every opportunity**

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.* Colossians 4:5

### **Fulfill your ministry**

*Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord."* Colossians 4:17

## *Family Life*

### **Wives, submit to your husbands**

*Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.* Colossians 3:18

### **Husbands, love your wives**

*Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.* Colossians 3:19

### **Children, obey your parents**

*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.* Colossians 3:20

### **Fathers, don't frustrate your children**

*Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.* Colossians 3:21

## *Protection and Well-being*

### **Pray for those in prison**

*I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.* Colossians 4:18

## Scripture Prayer Guide

### Using the Word of God

# To Pray with a Focus on the Book of Colossians

...Using the *New International Version* of the Bible...

## *Guidance and Encouragement*

### **Be filled with the knowledge of God's will**

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.* Colossians 1:9

### **Do not be deluded by persuasive argument**

*I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.* Colossians 2:4

### **Walk in faith**

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him,* Colossians 2:6

### **Do not be deceived**

*See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.* Colossians 2:8

### **Stand in the center of God's will**

*Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.* Colossians 4:12

## *Devotional Life*

### **Set your mind on heavenly things**

<sup>1</sup> *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your*

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*hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.* <sup>2</sup> *Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.* <sup>3</sup> *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.* Colossians 3:1–3

#### **Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart**

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.* Colossians 3:15

#### **Let the Word of Christ dwell richly in you**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.* Colossians 3:16

### **Personal Conduct**

#### **Walk worthy of the Lord**

<sup>10</sup> *And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,* <sup>11</sup> *being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully* <sup>12</sup> *giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.* Colossians 1:10–12

#### **Do not give in to legalism**

<sup>16</sup> *Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.* <sup>17</sup> *These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.* Colossians 2:16–17

#### **Consider yourself dead to sin**

<sup>4</sup> *When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.* <sup>5</sup> *Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.* <sup>6</sup> *Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.* <sup>7</sup> *You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.* <sup>8</sup> *But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.* Colossians 3:4–8

#### **Do not lie**

*Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.* Colossians 3:9

#### **Put on godly qualities**

<sup>12</sup> *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.* <sup>13</sup> *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.* <sup>14</sup> *And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.* Colossians 3:12–14

#### **Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus**

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* Colossians 3:17

#### **Speak with grace-seasoned speech**

*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.* Colossians 4:6

### **Ministry**

#### **Engage in complete discipleship in Christ's power**

<sup>28</sup> *We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.* <sup>29</sup> *To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.* Colossians 1:28–29

#### **Work heartily for the Lord**

<sup>23</sup> *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,* <sup>24</sup> *since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.* Colossians 3:23–24

#### **Be devoted to prayer**

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.* Colossians 4:2

#### **For God to open a door for a clear proclamation for the Word**

<sup>3</sup> *And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for*