



24 PRAYER: PRAYING THROUGH EPHESIANS

** Here are some ideas and scriptures to guide your hour of prayer. Join us in unison of voice and heart as we lift our hearts, lives and community before the Lord. Let us shake the heavens with our prayers!

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- As we come to a time of prayer, we will use Ephesians as our guide. The following prayer outline will walk through the book of Ephesians as you pray, take a moment to read the scripture verse and then begin to pray.

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 1

- Take a moment to praise God for all the blessings he has given us. (v. 3)
- Take a moment to thank God for his love expressed through Christ, that we are now a part of the family. (v. 4-5)
- Take moment to thank God for his kindness poured upon us. (v. 6-8)
- Take a moment to thank God for the inheritance we received. (v. 11-12)
- Take a moment before you move on to thank God for all he has done for you. As God's grateful child, rejoice in your belonging to God and the freedom God has given us.
- Paul's Prayer (v. 15-23)
 - Thank God for the people here at Crossroads (v.15-16)
 - Pray for the people of Crossroads...
 - To have spiritual wisdom and understanding (v. 17)
 - Hearts will be flooded with light (v. 18)
 - Will realize our rich and glorious inheritance (v. 18)
 - Will understand the incredible greatness of God's power. (v. 19-20)
 - Will be filled by Christ (v. 23)

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 2

- We would understand God's immeasurable grace. (v. 1-10)
- We would see people enter and reenter into a relationship with Christ. (v. 1-10)
- We would live as a people who have received special favor from God. (1-10)
- Christ would continue to make peace between people and break down the hostilities (v. 14)
- God would bring unity among the churches in Corvallis, we are all one body. (v. 15-18)
- Through Crossroads our neighbors will come to understand the hope God offers (v. 12)
- The people of Crossroads would come to understand we are God's family, carefully joined together, we are joined together with all God's people to be a holy temple for the Lord, where God's Spirit lives. (v. 19-22)

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 3

- Thank God that we can come fearlessly into God's presence assured of God's welcome. (v. 12)
- God will give each person at Crossroads inner strength through the Holy Spirit. (v. 16)
- God will become more and more at home in the hearts of the people of Crossroads (v. 17)
- Our roots will go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. (v. 17)
- We understand how wide, how long, how high and how deep God's love is. (v. 18)
- We would experience God's Love. (v. 19)

- May those around us experience God's love through us (v. 19)
- May we experience fullness of life. (v. 19)
- May God receive all the glory for the work done through our lives and Crossroads (v. 20-21)

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 4

- We would live a life worthy of our calling (v. 1-3)
- The people of Crossroads will be bound together in unity. (v. 3)
- The pastor's will have God's wisdom in equipping the people of Crossroads to do God's work. (v. 11)
- The People of Crossroads will grow in maturity in our faith. (v. 14-16)
- The people of Crossroads will live as children of God's light (v. 17-32)
 - Our minds and hearts would be tender toward the things of God.
 - We would turn away from those things that are far from a life with God.

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 5

- We would each live a life filled with love (v. 1)
- God would reveal the idols we have in our lives. (v. 5)
- We would passionately and diligently seek to find what would please God. (v. 10)
- May God's light shine on all things exposing them for what they truly are. (v. 12)
- We would be careful how we live. (v. 15)
- We would make the most of every opportunity. (v. 16)
- We would act with thoughtfulness. (v. 17)
- We would be filled with songs, hymns and make music to the Lord in our hearts. (v. 19-20)
- Husbands and wives (v. 21-33)
 - God would strengthen marriages.
 - They would mutually submit to one another
 - Wives and husbands would love each other as Christ loved the church.
 - Wives and husbands would give each other respect.

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 6

- Children would obey and honor their parents (v. 1-2)
- Parents would not make their children angry by the way they treat their kids. (v. 4)
- We would be employees doing our work as if we were doing it for God. (v. 5-9)
- We would be strong in God's mighty power. (v. 10)
- God would outfit us with the armor of God (v. 11-17)
- We would be a people who pray without ceasing. (v. 18)
- We would be a vigilant people who are alert and persistent in prayer. (18)
- God would give each of us the right words to as we boldly proclaim God's Good News (v. 19)
- We would have boldness to continue proclaiming God's good news regardless of circumstance. (v. 20)
- God would give us peace and love with faith from God and Christ. (v. 23)
- May God's grace be upon all who love God with an undying love. (v. 24)