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**Praying Like Paul**

***Colossians 1:9-14***

*(Note: His outline paraphrased below)*

**Topic:** Prayer

**Subject:** How should we pray for other believers?

**Complement:** Pray they will know and do God’s will.

**Purpose:** The listeners will pray for others to have the character of Christ.

# Introduction

### Interest: A missionary prayed each morning, “Lord, what are you up to today? Help me be a part of it.”

### Need: Do you have a passion to be part of what God is doing? What are you praying for? What are your striving for yourself and others?

### Subject: How should we pray for other believers?

### Background: Paul started the church at Ephesus, and believers from there like Epaphras started the church at Colosse.

### Preview: Paul prayed that the believers would grow in conforming to the character of Christ. If he were here today, he would pray the same thing. How should we pray for other believers and live out God’s will for our lives?

### Text: His prayer for the Colossian believers is in 1:9-14.

# I. Pray that others will know God’s will (9).

## We think of Paul as a teacher, evangelist, church planter—but rarely as a man of prayer.

## We also take the role of spiritual leader to others.

## This verse alludes to Exodus 31:33 when God filled Bezalel with all kinds of spiritual understanding and skill to build the tabernacle as God desired.

## Also, 1 Kings 7:14 notes that Huram had knowledge of bronze works to build the sea and other articles.

## Likewise, we should pray that God will build up his *spiritual* temple—the church—and not pray for what we want but for what God wants.

## How persistently do you pray for those to whom you minister?

## Make your time at JETS a time to know God’s will—not just head knowledge, lest you become dangerous leaders of the Arab church.

# II. Pray that others will do God’s will by pleasing him in four ways (10-14).

## Bear fruit in good works (10a).

## Grow in the knowledge of God (10b).

### Eph 5:18 encourages us to be filled with the Spirit.

### 1 Thess 4:1-3 shows Paul praying for character.

## Be strengthened in power that leads to patience (11).

## Give thanks for God qualifying us and delivering us from darkness to light (12-14).

# Conclusion

### How should we pray for other believers? Pray they will know and do God’s will (MI).

### Application: How do you need to pray differently than you do right now?