

Amazing Answers to Prayers.. 2 Chronicles 20:1-29; Colossians 1: 9-12.

Mark Bateman said: "God if you are real—show a way I can understand You!" Some time later the brakes on the 22 wheeler semi trailer that Mark was driving failed as he was descending the Adelaide hills into "devils corner". Mark screamed out .. "God, I don't want to die!" People prayed, the truck shuddered....and.... (an amazing answer to pray—as also is Jehoshaphat's prayer as recorded in 2 Chronicles 20)....

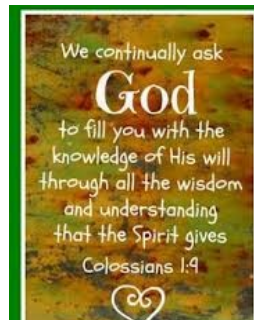
Looking at Colossians 1: 9-12.

1. Pray that we have a knowledge of God's _____ 1:9

Colossians 1:9.. *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,*

Pray for: a knowledge of His will
Spiritual wisdom
Understanding

- *Lord, fill us with knowledge of Your will. May we have Your point of view in all things. Keep us from decisions made for self-advantage or according to the perverted standards of this world. Give us wisdom and spiritual understanding. Deliver us from a dependence on the dishonesty and craftiness of man's wisdom, from conceit and pride. Grant us the wisdom which is from above: pure, teachable and humble*



2. Pray that we live a life _____ of the Lord vs 10

Vs 10.. *so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.*

Pray for: live a life worthy of the Lord (be obedient to His will)
please Him in every way
bearing fruit (remember Galatians 5:22,23) - sharing the Gospel..
growing in the knowledge of God

- *Grant that we might bring credit to Your name and please You in all things. Enable us for this not only in our praying and witnessing, but also in the routine of daily living. Help us be fruitful in good works. Keep us from any self-centredness or even work-centredness that would keep us from acts of kindness and goodness and generosity.*
- *Increase our knowledge of You. May we see You clearly in Your Word; may we fellowship with You in prayer and meditation ; (perhaps COVID-19 provides more time for meditation?) may we be so filled with the Spirit of holiness that we may see You in truth*



In light of the COVID-19 crisis be reminded: "*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*" Joshua 1:9

3. Pray that we be strengthened with His glorious _____ vs 11

Vs 11..*being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience*

Pray for: strength
great endurance
patience (Romans 12:12)... Daniel Bullock..

- *Strengthen us with all Your glorious power – the power that raised Christ from the dead. Take our weakness and inability that it might be lost in the ocean depths of Your omnipotence. Teach us patience and long-suffering. Help us grow in patience with the shortcomings of others. Lord, help me grow in maturity in You so that my irritating habits are replaced by the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Help us to have patient endurance as we face long term challenges*



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22,23

4. Pray that we give joyful _____ vs 12.,13

Vs 12.. *and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves,*

Pray for: joyful thanks—for salvation (eg Lionel Luckhoo) the beauty of creation etc..

- *Fill our hearts with overflowing joy. May we see Your overruling love and mercy in every circumstance. May we rejoice in opportunities to show forth the patience and meekness that come from You. Praise be unto You, O Lord our God, that You make each of us - if we repent and give our lives to Jesus—to be fit to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints of light. I thank You for Your mercy and transforming power in our lives. I thank You for calling us out of the domain of darkness and into the kingdom of Your dear Son. I ask Heavenly Father that You would make the deliverance from darkness and sin a practical reality in our daily lives, that we won't be held back by the past but that we would strain ahead, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1,2) Bring us quickly to conviction and repentance when we fall into sin. and may all glory be unto Jesus our Lord and Saviour who has pre-eminence in all things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*
- Sometimes I may not know a person well I am praying for so my prayer is dry and hurried – Lord “be with” the “Grubers” (if the person is a follower of Jesus we never need to pray “Lord “be with” because the Lord is with and “within” that person by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19) bless the (Grubers), and bless ... Wait a minute! The next name on the list is my own! And I wonder with shock and horror if others today are praying such vague prayers for me...
- *Using Scripture as a basis for prayer can make our prayer more meaningful, intentional and more encompassing...the Colossians 1 prayer is a good place to begin..*
- ACTS... A - adoration; C – confession; T – thanksgiving; S – supplication