



Growing by Prayers (*Praying with a clue*)

Who is Jesus? Romans 8:34 says he is our: [Prayer Partner!](#)

1. Pray for Spiritual [Guidance](#). Colossians 1:9

God answers our prayers three ways: [Yes, No and not now.](#)

One way you gain a knowledge of God’s will is [through His word](#).

In the New Testament, to be *filled* means to be [“controlled by.”](#)

Need wisdom? ⇒ Ask God James 1:5

wisdom (*Sophia*) [Col 1:9,28; 2:3,23; 3:16; 4:5] = practical *know-how* which comes from God

understanding (*synesei*) [also used in Col 2:2] = *clear analysis* and *decision-making* in applying this knowledge to various problems.

Example: ✓ the tomato

You can understand the [Will](#) of God through the [Word](#) of God.

2. Your life will [evidence the results](#). Colossians 1:10

Psalm 1:1-3

3. Pray for the [energy](#) you need to accomplish your goals.

Colossians 1:11-12

Two Greek words for God's energy:

dunamis (we get our word “**dynamite**”) = “**inherent power**”;
kratos - “**manifested power**,” *power that is put forth in action.*

Proverbs 16:32

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The Greek for patience is literally – *long suffering*.

Endurance helps us deal with trying [circumstances](#).

Patience [long-suffering] helps us deal with trying [people](#).

Then He prays, as you are enduring be filled with **joy**.

4. You have been rescued – [live like it](#). Colossians 1:13-14

Pray for yourself and pray for **others** to be strong in the Lord. We believe strongly in the power of prayer. That’s why we have:

- ✓ Connection Card
- ✓ At the cross after every service
- ✓ Web-Site we encourage anyone who visits Gatewaycc.org who needs prayer to leave one - we pray for people we don’t even know.
- ✓ Prayer Chain via our Love@gatewaycc.org email for those in our body in need of immediate prayer covering
- ✓ Daily devotional - connect to God through prayer
- ✓ Life Groups- we share our prayer concerns and praises as God answers our prayers.
- ✓ Friday Night Prayer Meeting- Miracles Happen through prayer!

⇒ I pray to [know](#) and [enjoy](#) God's will in my life.

Next Week: Colossians 1:15-18 “*Who rules the Universe?*”
The Supremacy of Christ

Who is Jesus- Growing by Prayers

September's Memory Verse – *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, Colossians 1:15 (NLT)*

Monday 9/19- Read Mark 1:35-39

Question: What do you think Jesus was praying about during those regular times alone with God?

Truth: *Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Vs.35*

Meditate: Spend some time communicating to God with the desire to learn His will for you.

Prayer: Lord, I am willing to do as you desire. Instruct me so I may do your will.

Action: Pray to understand God's will for my life.

What is God instructing me to do:

Tuesday 9/20- Read Matthew 6:5-15

Question: Rather than pray to impress people, how should I pray?

Truth: *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Vs. 6*

Meditate: Matthew 6:8- *Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

Prayer: “*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

Action: Throughout the day stay connected to God in prayer.

What “need” will I bring to God in prayer:

Wednesday 9/21- Read James 5:13-20

Question: How should we communicate to God in both the good times and the bad?

Truth: *Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Vs. 13*

Meditate: James 5:20- *remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*

Praise: Lord you are worthy of all praise and glory. Thank God for some of the blessing He has given you.

Action: *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Vs. 16*

Things I'm thankful for:

Thursday 9/22- Read Colossians 4:2-6

Question: Who is someone I could ask to pray for me?

Truth: Paul asked for prayer: *Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Vs. 4*

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

Prayer: Lord give me courage to speak to my neighbors about the blessings you have given to me.

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

What God is telling me:

Friday 9/23- Read Matthew 9:35-38

Question: What did Jesus feel when he saw the crowds?

Truth: *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Vs. 36*

Meditate: Matthew 9:37- *Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*

Prayer: Father God, give me a heart like Jesus' so I will be compassionate to lost people.

Action: *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

Who will I share God's love with today:

Life Group Outline- Who is Jesus, Why does it matter?

Fellowship and Praises-

Take **20-30 minutes** to share what God has been doing in own lives this last week.

Bible verse memorization: *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,* Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

Recite this verse by memory.

Bible Study Exercise: Read Colossians 1:9-14

Share a time when God gave you spiritual wisdom and understanding?

How have you been blessed by following God's guidance through his Word and prayer?

Paul prayed that all of these blessings would be manifested in the lives of the Colossian church. Who are you praying for God to strengthen and enlighten?

Take the time to pray for these people right now.

How often do you use the prayer opportunities provided by Gateway?

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Prayer Time-

Going Deeper: Read Psalm 1:1-6

*But they delight in the law of the Lord,
meditating on it day and night. Vs. 2*

Real Application: Pray for wisdom and enlightenment for yourself and for others.