

4 Elements of Pastoral Prayers for the Church

Colossians 1:1-14

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Colossians 1:1-2

[1] Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, [2] To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

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Colossians 1:3-4

[3] We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, [4] since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

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1. Thankfulness: Thank God for how you see Jesus working in others' lives. (v. 3-4)

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Galatians 6:14

[14] But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

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Colossians 1:5-6

5] because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, [6] which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing— as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,

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1. Thankfulness: Thank God for how you see Jesus working in others' lives. (v. 3-4)
2. Understanding: Pray that you have an ever-increasing understanding of the gospel. (Justification) (v. 5-6)

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Colossians 1:7-8

[7] just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf [8] and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

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3 Works of the Gospel

- A. Hear (v. 5-6)
- B. Experience (v. 6)
- C. Share (v 6a, 7, 8)

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Colossians 1:9

[9] And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

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Colossians 1:10-11

[10] so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; [11] being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;

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3. Petition: Prayers of petition that you will grow in your faith. (Sanctification) (v. 9-11)

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5 Results of Being Filled with
the Knowledge of His Will

- a. **A Worthy Walk:** You may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, FULLY pleasing to Him. (v. 10)
- b. **A Fruitful Life:** You may bear fruit for Jesus in every good work you do. (v. 10)

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5 Results of Being Filled with
the Knowledge of His Will

- c. **Knowledge:** You may increase in your knowledge of Him. (v. 10)
- d. **Strength:** You may be strengthened with all power according to HIS glorious might. (v. 11)
- e. **Endurance:** You may attain endurance and patience, with joy. (v. 11)

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Colossians 1:12-14

[12] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. [13] He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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3. Petition: Prayers of petition that you will grow in your faith. (Sanctification) (v. 9-11)
4. Praise: Prayers of praise thanking God for your salvation. (v. 12-14)

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4 Reasons to Give Thanks to God

- (A) Qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (v. 12)
- (B) Delivered us from the domain of darkness (v. 13)
- (C) Transferred us to the kingdom of His Beloved Son. (v. 13)
- (D) Redeemed us, forgiving all our sin. (v. 14)