

The Apostle Paul – A Model of Praying for Believers **1 Thessalonians 3:11-13**

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A. Apostle Paul's Prayers for the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians

1. Paul prays with thanksgiving for believers
1 Thess. 1:2-3, Col. 1:3-4, Phil. 1:3-4, Matt. 11:25

2. Paul prays with thanksgiving for believer's responding to God's Word
1 Thess. 2:13

3. Paul prays for opportunities to help believers spiritually mature
1 Thess. 3:10

4. Paul prays for specific spiritual workings of God in believers
1 Thessalonians 3:11-13, John 17:17

5. Paul prays for spiritual protection of believer's reputations.
1 Thess. 5:23-24

B. The Characteristics in the Apostle Paul's Prayers

1. Brief

2. Relational – vertically and horizontally

3. Spiritually focused

4. Specific with detail

5. God-centered