



## “The Apostle’s Prayer”

Colossians 1:9-14

- How’d you minister to someone 900 miles away?
- What is they are 900 miles away and you are living in the First Century?
- What if they are 900 miles away and you are in prison?
- How did the Apostle Paul do it?

### Observations about the prayer:

- From a prison
- About spiritual things
- For people not known personally
- On behalf of a group (church)
- Frequently brought before God

### The Prayer:

- Paul asked God to fill the Colossians with the knowledge of His will through Spirit-given wisdom and knowledge, so that they might live a worthy life that pleases God.
- Bearing fruit in every good work.
- Growing in the knowledge of God.
- Being strengthened with power for endurance and patience.
- Giving joyful thanks to the Father for salvation.

### Practicing The Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for \_\_\_\_\_. Would you fill them with the knowledge of your will? By your Holy Spirit, please give them the wisdom and understanding to learn what your will is, as they search the scriptures. Help them to live the kind of life that pleases you in every way. Help them to bear fruit in their good works, as they serve you and others who are around them. Help them grow in their relationship with you. May they get to know you better and better. I ask you to strengthen \_\_\_\_\_ with your power, so that they can have endurance in every difficult situation and patience toward all people in their lives. Father, also help them to be joyfully thankful because of what you have done for them through Jesus. Keep them grateful that you have forgiven them and freed them from bondage to sin. May they realize that they are no longer living in the kingdom of darkness, but in Christ’s kingdom of light, looking forward to the wonderful hope of heaven.

Amen.