



PARTNERSHIP

DAILY DEVOTIONAL | TUESDAY 11/10

MEMORY VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

READING CHALLENGE

Read the book of Philippians each day this week! (It is only 4 chapters and will take less than 15 minutes!)

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Prayer seems to be a pretty clear indicator of a person's relationship with God. By looking at how, when, or if someone prays, you can learn a lot about that person's priorities and the nature of their connection with God. Paul's words of prayer in Philippians 1 demonstrate a lot about his relationship with both God and the Philippians themselves.

- What do you think your experience with prayer (when you choose to pray, how you approach prayer, what you pray about) indicates about your relationship with God and others?

As you read Philippians today, pay special attention to his prayer in 1:9-11 and other times those themes appear.

- What does Paul pray for the Philippians, and to what end? What do you think are some key words in these verses?
- Where else do you see these themes in Philippians? (possibly: love, knowledge, maturity, fruit/righteous living)
- How have you experienced your love grow as you have grown in knowing Christ? What fruit have you observed?
- Spend some time looking over the Partner in Prayer section of this year's Commitment Card. Pray for God's leading in how he might want to grow you in this area.

OPTIONAL—GOING DEEPER: If you have time, go back and look at Jesus teaching his disciples to pray in Matthew 6:9-13.

- What does each verse indicate we should pray about?
- What attitudes come through in Jesus' prayer?
- Do you think Paul's prayer in Philippians 1 displays the same attitude(s)? If so, how? If not, why not?

GROUP DISCUSSION

In Heather's devotional video, she talked about partnering in prayer. As a family or a group, talk about your experiences with prayer.

- What is prayer like for you? (Do you feel connected with God? Is it simply a routine?)
- What do you tend to pray for or about?
- Did you learn anything new or surprising from today's devotional? How will you respond?

Paul prays for his Philippian friends and partners, and he also speaks of their prayers for him.

- Spend some time praying for one another's spiritual growth and insight (see Paul's example in Philippians 1:9-11!).
- Spend time praying for LifeWay's partners and those you know who are partners in the gospel.
- Sometimes it is hard to know what words to pray. At those times, it can help to use prayers that have been composed by others in community. Consider using these words from the Book of Common Prayer (818) this week:

O God the Father or our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.