**Pray for One Another Challenge:**

(Praying Apostolic Prayers Over Each Other)

1. Remember Confession: John 14:12 – “The effectual fervent prayers of a **righteous** person avail much…” – Keeping our relationship with Jesus open and clear by righteous living and confession of sin is an important foundation for powerful prayer
2. Then take these Apostolic Prayers below -prayers prayed by the early apostles over the followers of Christ – and pray them over 3-5 people from church. After the actual Scripture text, I have included a list of the basic prayer requests that were specifically mentioned. For motivation, imagine what your life, their life, and our life together as the Church at Advance would look like if God provided these things we asked for.

3) Make at least one of the people you pray for someone in church

 leadership of some type. It does not need to be a staff person.

4) Make at least one of the people be someone you don't know well

5) Mix it up from day to day in terms of the apostolic prayer you use and

the people you choose to pray for. Perhaps read the part of the

apostolic prayer and then ask God to bring to your mind who you should pray it over

**Romans 15:5-6 & 13**

**5**May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in

harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

**6**so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

**13**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that

you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A) Live in harmony

B) Glorify God in unity

C) Filled with joy & peace in believing

**Ephesians 1:17-19**

**17**I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give

you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

**18**so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is

the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

**19**and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,

according to the working of his great power.

A) Wisdom & Revelation – How do you make decisions?

B) To know his hope, his riches, and his power

**Ephesians 3:16-19**

**16**I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you

may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,

**17**and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being

rooted and grounded in love.

**18**I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,

what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

**19**and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may

be filled with all the fullness of God.

A) Strengthened in inner being

B) Rooted and grounded in love

C) Filled with all the fullness of God

**Colossians 1:9-12**

**9**For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for

you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

**10**so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as

you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

**11**May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his

glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

**12**giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the

inheritance of the saints in the light.

A) Knowledge of God’s will – already discussed

B) Wisdom – already discussed

C) lead lives worthy of the Lord

D) Bear fruit

E) Grow in the knowledge of God,

F) Be strong by His power

G) Endure with joy and thanks

**1 Thessalonians 3:11-13**

11Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way

to you.

12And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another

and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

13And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be

blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A) Strengthen your hearts in holiness

B) Be blameless

C) Abound in love for each other

**Philippians 1:9-11**

9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with

knowledge and full insight

10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you

may be pure and blameless,

11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus

Christ for the glory and praise of God.

1. Love will overflow with knowledge and insight
2. The ability to determine what is best and to do it
3. Producing a harvest of righteousness

**2 Thessalonians 1:11-12**

11 To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you

worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith,

12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in

him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Will be made worthy of God’s call
2. Fulfill every good plan and work of faith He has planned for you
3. That others will glorify God because of your life

**2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**

1 Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may

spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you,

2 and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have

faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the

evil one.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing

and will go on doing the things that we command.

5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the

steadfastness of Christ.

1. That God’s Word will spread rapidly through them
2. That they will be protected in times of persecution
3. Strengthened and guarded from the devil’s plans
4. That their hearts will be directed toward loving God and steadfastness in Christ