

## Colossians 4 – Prayerful

**PRAYER [NW1828]** In a general sense, the act of asking for a favor, and particularly with earnestness.

In worship, a solemn address to the Supreme Being, consisting of adoration, or an expression of our sense of God's glorious perfections, confession of our sins, supplication for mercy and forgiveness, intercession for blessings on others, and thanksgiving, or an expression of gratitude to God for his mercies and benefits.

prayer is talking out loud, in your head or in a journal with God, in an earnest, humble, respectful and honoring manner, confessing sin, adoring Him, thanking Him and praying for ourselves and others

### Colossians 4:2-4

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

### Continue

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. – Ephesians 2:7

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. – Philippians 3:8

## **Steadfast**

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.

## **Watchful**

2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

**WATCHFUL [NW1828]** Vigilant; attentive; careful to observe; observant; cautious. It has of before the thing to be regulated, as to be watchful of ones behavior; and against, before the thing to be avoided, as to be watchful against the growth of vicious habits.

1 What is the source of wars and fights among you? Don't they come from your passions that wage war within you? 2 You desire and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and wage war. You do not have because you do not ask. – James 4:1-2

3 You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. – James 3:3

You adulterous people! Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? [...] 6 But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says: God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. – James 4:4-6

## **Thankful**

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Deuteronomy 6:10-15

## **Intercessory**

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The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. – James 5:16B

### **Prayer for Opportunity**

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### **Prayer for Courage**