

Service Opening:

Ezra 10:4 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Arise, for *this matter is your responsibility*. We also *are* with you. (A) Be of good courage, and do *it*.”

1 Chronicles 28:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Consider now, (A) for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”

Exodus 13:21 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> And (A) the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

Deuteronomy 31:8 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD, (A) He *is* the One who goes before you. (B) He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

Hebrews 13:5 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have*. For He Himself has said, (A) “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Sermon

Paul blesses us with Shalom, total peace:

<sup>2b</sup> *May God himself, the heavenly Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, release grace over you and impart total well-being<sup>[c]</sup> into your lives.*

From 1:10:

We are wrapped in Jesus, chosen, spoken, ordained and seen according to the perfect plan from the perfect parent. We are fulfilled in this plan and given our innocence and inheritance, sealed in the Spirit.

[trans] He continues.

Ephesians 1:15-23 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Paul Prays for the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

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<sup>17</sup> **I pray** that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation<sup>[b]</sup> to know him through your deepening intimacy with him.

<sup>18</sup> **I pray** that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination,<sup>[c]</sup> flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling<sup>[d]</sup>—that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones!

<sup>19</sup> **I pray** that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the mighty power <sup>20</sup> that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted him<sup>[e]</sup> to the place of highest honor and supreme authority<sup>[f]</sup> in the heavenly realm! <sup>21</sup> And now he is exalted as first above every ruler, authority, government, and realm of power in existence! He

is gloriously enthroned over every name that is ever praised,<sup>[g]</sup> not only in this age,<sup>[h]</sup> but in the age that is coming!<sup>[i]</sup>

<sup>22</sup> And he alone is the leader and source of everything needed in the church. God has put everything beneath the authority of Jesus Christ<sup>[j]</sup> *and has given him the highest rank above all others.* <sup>23</sup> And now we, his church, are his body on the earth and that which fills him who is being filled by it!<sup>[k]</sup>

## **Paul Prays for the Ephesians**

### **[1] Overflowing with Thanks**

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[a The literal Aramaic text can be translated “I began confessing on your behalf and praying.”]

Constantly pray. Like Breathing.

Remember our dear ones, fellow Christians in our prayers.

[IL] Dr. Goodrich treadmill praying his class rosters.

[AP] Constantly in thankful overflow prayers.

Full Hearts Thankfully Praying.

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[b Or “discovery.”]

*to know him through your deepening intimacy with him.*

Revelation is seeing, being revealed. It does not have to be new to be revelation. It can be access, remembering, being conscious of something. It can shift paradigms, but it can restore them as well.

[IL] Like when you get into crisis and things spiral out of control. But you take a breather, or someone you love hugs you. Or you get a restoring slap. Or a restful nap. Or protein and water.

[AP] We return to truth from distraction. We recenter on God. We remember or bring back to consciousness our true identity and what that really means for us and others. Child of God!

### **[3] Eyes of Imagination Illuminating Hope**

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[c Or “innermost” (heart).]

*flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling<sup>[d]</sup>*

[d Or “to which he is calling you.”]

*—that is, the wealth of God’s glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones!*

[IL] Open the eyes of our heart. Let us experience the revealing of our true natures. Like when you see a glimpse of something and then the camera pans back with a full panorama of a vista.

Or when you realize something that takes you over a threshold and you see something and can never unsee it, never think about it the same way again.

Like Auschwitz, where the new prisoners thought it was snowing, but it was the ash of previous prisoners falling from ovens.

[AP] But this truth is a good truth and should bring great joy.

Where you realize that they puppy is **your** puppy, your pony, your kitten, your range rover, your home, your spouse forever more.

Your saved life, renewed and forgiven.

His holiness in you, untarnishable forever new and glorious!

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[e Or "he seated him" (enthroned).]

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[f Or "at his right hand," a metaphor for the place of honor and authority.]]

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[h The Aramaic word can be translated "universe."]

[IL] We are the superbowl commercial everyone will talk about forever. Like Apple and the Olympics. Or Mean Joe Green.

[AP] Living flame, eternal flame, shining His light.

#### **[5] Jesus is Lord!**

***<sup>22</sup> And he alone is the leader and source of everything needed in the church. God has put everything beneath the authority of Jesus Christ<sup>[j]</sup>***

[j Both Greek and Aramaic texts use the figure of speech "under his feet," which means he has conquered, subdued, and now rules over them.]

***and has given him the highest rank above all others. <sup>23</sup> And now we, his church, are his body on the earth and that which fills him who is being filled by it!<sup>[k]</sup>***

[k That is, as we are those who are filled (completed) by Christ, we also complete (fill) him. What a wonderful and humbling mystery is revealed by this verse.]

[IL] We represent Him on earth. We are the royal family representing the crown. Ambassador brothers and sisters, Kings kids.

[AP] Remind yourselves often of your role. Step into it, figuratively and literally. Say, "I am stepping into heaven right now" and faithfully, full of faith, enact it. Take that step on earth as it is in heaven.

### **Paul Prays for the Ephesians**

**[1] Overflowing with Thanks [Receive]**

**[2] Father Imparting Wisdom & Revelation [Opening]**

**[3] Eyes of Imagination Illuminating Hope [Experiencing]**

**[4] Faith's Power [and Relationship]**

**[5] Jesus is Lord!**

Live the life with Him.

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