

"How to Pray for People You Love"

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⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Six characteristics of spirit-led prayer that will help us pray more effectively for the people we know and love:

- 1. Spirit-led prayer is **informed**. (v9)
- 2. Spirit-led prayer is **persistent**. (v9a)
- 3. Spirit-led prayer makes <u>God-sized requests</u>. (vv10-11)
- 4. Spirit-led prayer is **consumed** with God's will. (v9)
- 5. Spirit-led prayer seeks the benefits of **doing God's will**. (vv10-11)
- Spirit-led prayer is rooted in <u>understanding</u> the Gospel. (vv12-14)

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