

What Do You Pray For?

Philippians 1:9-11

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And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:21)

B. Ask God to help your love to grow in knowledge and discernment.

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment (v.9)

1. Our love needs to be growing in knowledge.

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
(1 Cor.13:4-6)*

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NIV: *so that you may be able to discern what is best.*

B. Ask God to help you, and others, become pure and blameless.

and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, (v.10b)

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Blameless refers to what we appear to be; how others perceive us.

C. Ask God to fill you, and others, with the fruit of righteousness.

filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, (v.11a)

III. Pray for yourself, and others, to glorify
God (v.11b).

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